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## Grave Milestone



A tattoo on the back of U.S. Army Sgt. James Wilkes of Rochester, N.Y., is seen through his torn shirt after a foot patrol with 1st Platoon, Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, of the 5th Stryker Brigade, in Afghanistan's Kandahar province. The full tattoo reads, "Sacrifice. Without fear there is no courage." U.S. military deaths in Afghanistan have surpassed 2,000, a grim reminder that a war which began nearly 11 years ago shows no signs of slowing down despite an American decision to begin the withdrawal of most of its combat forces.

(AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

## US military deaths in Afghanistan reach 2,000

PATRICK QUINN  
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) —

The killing of an American serviceman in an exchange of fire with allied Afghan

soldiers pushed U.S. military deaths in the war to 2,000, a cold reminder of the per-

ils that remain after an 11-year conflict that now garners little public interest at

home.

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# Russian church: Pussy Riot deserve mercy if repent

LAURA MILLS

Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The Russian Orthodox Church on Sunday asked for clemency for three jailed members of the rock band Pussy

Riot if they repent for their "punk prayer" for deliverance from President Vladimir Putin at Moscow's main cathedral, a statement that came a day before an appeal hearing and ap-

peared to reflect a desire to put an end to the case that has caused an international outrage. But it was unclear whether the women, who were sentenced to two years

last month, would offer a penitence sought by the church and how much leniency a court may show. Putin has always been reluctant to avoid leaving an impression that he could bow to public pressure and has taken an increasingly tough line on dissent since

hopes the appeals court could set them free. But skeptics said that ahead of the band members' conviction on charges of "hooliganism driven by religious hatred," Putin himself said the women should not be judged too harshly, raising similar hopes for their

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Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill addresses students of Moscow's State University after he was awarded an honorary doctorate in Moscow, Russia, with a Soviet style panel at the background. The Russian Orthodox Church on Sunday asked for clemency for three jailed members of the rock band Pussy Riot if they repent for their "punk prayer" for deliverance from President Vladimir Putin at Moscow's main cathedral, a statement that came a day before an appeal hearing and appeared to reflect a desire to put an end to the case that has caused an international outrage. (AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

his inauguration in May. Monday's appeal hearing has caught their family members between hope and despair as they attempt to gauge from the words and actions of government and church officials whether the political tide will turn in their favor. In Sunday's statement, the church reaffirmed its condemnation of the women's raucous stunt, saying such actions "can't be left unpunished." But it added that if the women show "penitence and reconsideration of their action," their words "shouldn't be left unnoticed." Earlier this month, Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said that keeping them in prison any longer would be "unproductive" — a statement that encouraged

release that proved vain. Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, 22, Maria Alekhina, 24, and Yekaterina Samutsevich, 30, were arrested in March after dancing and high-kicking at Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral as they pleaded with the Virgin Mary to save Russia from Putin, who was elected to a third presidential term two weeks later. They said during their trial in August that they were protesting the Russian Orthodox Church's support for Putin and didn't intend to offend religious believers. Both the government and the church may have a strong interest in putting the Pussy Riot case behind them to avoid further damage at home and abroad. □





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**Newspaper:**

# Malvo says felt like 'worst piece of scum'

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Convicted D.C. sniper Lee Boyd Malvo said in a newspaper interview published Sunday that the devastated reaction of a victim's husband made him feel like "the worst piece of scum."

Malvo expresses remorse in the interview with The Washington Post (wapo.st/SrLk9l) and urged the families of victims to try and forget about him and his partner John Allen Muhammad so they can move on. Tuesday marks the 10th anniversary of the beginning of the deadly spree in the Washington area carried out by Malvo and John Allen



In this Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003 file photo, sniper shooting suspect John Lee Malvo is escorted from court after his preliminary hearing in Fairfax, Va. Convicted D.C. sniper Malvo said in a newspaper interview published Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, that the devastated reaction of a victim's husband made him feel like "the worst piece of scum."

(AP Photo/ Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

Muhammad. The pair has been linked to 27 shootings across the country, including 10 fatal attacks in the Washington area.

Malvo, 27, told the Post in a rare interview that the look on the face of victim Linda Franklin's husband right after she was shot stands out in his memory of the rampage. Franklin, a 47-year-old FBI analyst, was killed as she and her husband loaded supplies outside a Home Depot in Falls Church, Va. "They are penetrating," Malvo said of Ted Franklin's eyes. "It is the worst sort of pain I have ever seen in my life.

His eyes ... Words do not

possess the depth in which to fully convey that emotion and what I felt when I saw it. ... You feel like the worst piece of scum on the planet." Malvo is serving a life sentence with no parole at a prison in southwest Virginia for killing Franklin. Muhammad was executed in Virginia in 2009.

The sniper-style attacks all but paralyzed the nation's capital, as people were shot at random while going about their everyday life — pumping gas, buying groceries, and for one young boy, as he went to school. The shooters used a high-powered rifle, firing from the trunk of a modified Chevy Caprice until they were tracked down at a Maryland rest stop.

Malvo also repeated previous assertions that he was manipulated by the older Muhammad during the string of attacks that took place when Malvo was 17. But he acknowledges: "I was a monster."

Malvo has declined to respond to many media requests, including letters from The Associated Press. He was interviewed in 2010 for a cable TV special.

When asked by the Post what he would say to victims' families, the remorseful Malvo said there's no way to properly convey an apology.

"We can never change what happened," Malvo said. "There's nothing that I can say except don't allow me and my actions to continue to victimize you for the rest of your life."

He added: "Don't allow myself or Muhammad to continue to make you a victim for the rest of your life. It isn't worth it." □

## US military deaths in Afghanistan reach 2,000

**Continued from front**

The toll has climbed steadily in recent months with a spate of attacks by Afghan army and police — supposed allies — against American and NATO troops. That has raised troubling questions about whether countries in the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan will achieve their aim of helping the government in Kabul and its forces stand on their own after most foreign troops depart in little more than two years.

"The tally is modest by the standards of war historically, but every fatality is a tragedy and 11 years is too long," said Michael O'Hanlon, a fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington. "All that is internalized, however, in an American public that has been watching this campaign for a long time. More newsworthy right now are

the insider attacks and the sense of hopelessness they convey to many. "

Attacks by Afghan soldiers or police — or insurgents

disguised in their uniforms — have killed 52 American and other NATO troops so far this year. "We have to get on top of this. It is a very

serious threat to the campaign," the U.S. military's top officer, Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, said about the insider threat.

The top commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, Gen. John Allen, was blunter. "I'm mad as hell about them, to be honest with you," Allen told CBS' "60 Minutes" in an interview to be broadcast on Sunday. "It reverberates everywhere across the United States. You know, we're willing to sacrifice a lot for this campaign, but we're not willing to be murdered for it." The insider attacks are considered one of the most serious threats to the U.S. exit strategy from the country. In its latest incarnation, that strategy has focused on training Afghan forces to take over security nationwide — allowing most foreign troops to go home by the end of 2014.

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Upon landing after a helicopter rescue mission, Tech. Sgt. Jeff Hedglin, right, drapes an American flag over the remains of U.S. soldiers killed minutes earlier in an IED attack, assisted by fellow PJs, Senior Airman Robert Dieguez, center, and 1st Lt. Matthew Carlisle, in Kandahar province, southern Afghanistan. U.S. military deaths in Afghanistan have surpassed 2,000, a grim reminder that a war which began nearly 11 years ago shows no signs of slowing down despite an American decision to begin the withdrawal of most of its combat forces.

(AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)



## Road to 270:

## As race stands, Obama within reach of second term

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Five weeks to Election Day, President Barack Obama is within reach of the 270 electoral votes needed to win a second term. Republican Mitt Romney's path to victory is narrowing.

To overtake Obama, Romney would need to quickly gain the upper hand in nearly all of the nine states where he and Obama are competing the hardest. Polls show the president with a steady lead in many of them as Romney looks to shift the dynamics of the race, starting with their first debate Wednesday night in Denver.

Obama headed to Las Vegas for an evening rally and planned to stay in Nevada as he prepared for the debate. Romney remained in Boston on Sunday, going through preparations of his own for Wednesday's event.

Romney's running mate Paul Ryan says there's time for the Republican ticket to win. "In these kinds of races people focus near the end,

and that's what's happening now," he told "Fox News Sunday."

A prominent Romney supporter, New Jersey Gov.



In this Sept. 28, 2012, photo, Cheryl Banks, left to right, and Genny Armstrong open and process vote-by-mail applications in Cleveland, Ohio, in preparation for early voting for November presidential election. Five weeks to Election Day, President Barack Obama is within reach of the requisite 270 Electoral College votes needed to win a second term according to an Associated Press analysis. Mitt Romney can still prevail in the race to amass the necessary votes, but his path to victory has become much narrower. To overtake Obama, the Republican challenger would need to quickly gain the upper hand in nearly all of the nine states where he and Obama are competing the hardest. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

Chris Christie said he expected Romney's debate performance in Denver to shake up the campaign after a "tough couple of weeks." Christie predicted Romney would do "extraordinarily well," and that come Thursday morning, "this whole race is going to be turned upside down." But a top Obama adviser, David Plouffe, cast doubt on how much the debate would turn around the race. "They expect to come out of this with the race fundamentally changed.

Now, what does that mean?" asked Plouffe. "If it's going to fundamentally change, that means in seven or 10 days from now you'll see states like Ohio tied, the state of Iowa tied because that's what really matters here.

So they have set the bar quite high."

If the election were held

today, an Associated Press analysis shows Obama would win at least 271 electoral votes, with likely victories in crucial Ohio and Iowa along with 19 other states and the District of Columbia. Romney would win 23 states for a total of 206.

To oust the Democratic incumbent, Romney would need to take up-for-grabs Florida, Colorado, Nevada, North Carolina, New Hampshire and Virginia, which would put him at 267 votes, and upend Obama in either Ohio or Iowa.

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# LA drivers steer clear of 'Carmageddon II'

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Associated Press

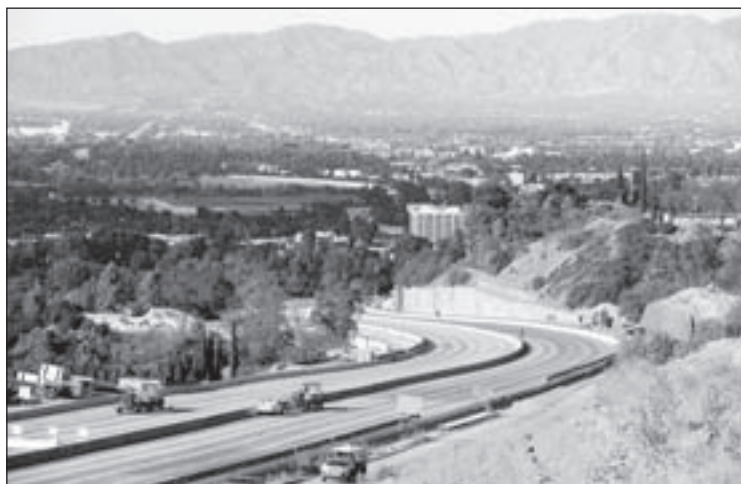
**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The demolition of a bridge that forced the week-end closure of one of the busiest U.S. freeways is on schedule, while many Los Angeles drivers heeded warnings to steer clear of the area, and officials expect to reopen the lanes as planned Monday morning.

Crews working around the clock since Friday evening have taken down all but two columns of the Mulholland Drive bridge over Interstate 405, Rick Jagger, spokesman for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, said Sunday morning. The project is part of a \$1 billion project to widen the freeway to accommodate a new carpool lane.

"Everything's on pace for the 5 a.m. Monday reopening," Jagger said. Carmageddon II, the sequel to last year's shutdown of a 10-mile (16-kilometer) stretch of the 405 through the Sepulveda Pass, is going according to script as motorists heeded months of warnings to stay off the road. Drivers faced additional challenges Sunday as the Herbalife Los Angeles Triathlon temporarily closed many surface streets between Venice Beach and downtown LA. Metro detoured 42 bus lines, which meant riders could experience some delays, Jagger said.

Surface streets in the closure area were clogged, but overall officials said traffic tie-ups were minimal. As temperatures climbed into the 90s Fahrenheit (mid-30s Celsius), those who couldn't resist a trip to the beach said traffic was smooth. "We've been all over the city, no traffic. We even went to Dairy Queen for an ice cream and there

was nobody there," Marilyn Millen told KNBC-TV on Saturday. California Highway Pa-



**A closed stretch of the 405 freeway extends into the San Francisco Valley section of Los Angeles as workers continue the demolition of the Mulholland Drive bridge, not seen in photo, on Saturday Sept. 29, 2012. Construction crews are on schedule and traffic tie-ups are minimal in Los Angeles, making for a smooth start to Carmageddon II, the sequel to last year's shutdown of one of the nation's busiest freeways. (AP Photo/Richard Vogel)**

ect. The closed section of the freeway carries about 500,000 motorists each day on a typical week-end, according to the Los Angeles Times. California Department of Transportation officials said that in order for Carmageddon II to be a success, at least two-thirds of those drivers need to stay off the road. Meanwhile, TV news crews made good on a promise to avoid a traffic jam in the sky as they cover the shutdown. Residents complained of low-flying, noisy helicopters hovering nonstop over the region last year. This time, local television news directors pooled coverage by using video from a single helicopter making limited flights over the freeway. □

trol officers cited seven people on Interstate 405 early Sunday, including a group of rollerbladers and newlyweds who sneaked onto the roadway to celebrate their nuptials. For weeks, Angelenos have been warned to avoid the area on LA's West Side. If they don't, officials warn, a citywide traffic jam could result. But beyond just scare tactics, city officials have been encouraging Southern Californians to get out and enjoy their own neighborhoods on foot, on bikes or via short drives on surface streets. During a similar closure last year, commuters stayed away from the freeway in droves, the shutdown was considered a success, and crews finished the first phase of the work early. This time, the contractor faces a penalty if the work isn't done in 53 hours. The fine is \$6,000 per lane of freeway, for every 10 minutes over the deadline. Demolition temporarily halted Saturday when a large chunk of the bridge unexpectedly came down, but the contractor said it wouldn't delay the proj-

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## Miami-based Venezuelans to vote in New Orleans

**GISELA SALOMON**

**Associated Press**

**MIAMI (AP)** — By bus and car, commercial flight and charter, U.S.-based Venezuelans are traveling en masse to New Orleans in the coming days, spending hundreds of dollars and in some cases more than a day of their time to cast a vote in their country's presidential election.

The government of President Hugo Chavez earlier this year closed the country's consulate in Miami, where most Venezuelans living in the U.S. have cast ballots in the past.

It later said voters would have to travel to New Orleans if they want to participate on Oct. 7.

It's a hardship in terms of time and money for many potential voters. But some, especially those who want to stop Chavez from being re-elected after 13 years in power, are determined to make the trip anyway.

Carolina Guevara, a 21-year-old college student, plans to take the 15-hour bus ride from Miami to New Orleans, an 870-mile (1,400-kilometer) trek.

"We want to demonstrate to the government that even if they put obstacles in our path, we will practice our right to vote," said Gue-



**Beatriz Olavarria is shown during an interview in South Miami, Fla. Olavarria, who has done election work in the last eight Venezuela elections in Miami, leads a commission to send information to voters and mobilize volunteer observers for the polling stations, as well as volunteer ushers outside the convention center. Venezuela's government closed the Miami consulate and told Venezuelans to vote in New Orleans in the Oct. 7 presidential election. Olavarria is hoping that at least half of the 20,000 Venezuelan voters will make their way to New Orleans. (AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)**

vara, who hopes to return to Venezuela after completing her political science studies at Miami Dade College.

The Venezuelan government closed its Miami mission after the State Depart-

ment expelled consul Livia Acosta amid an investigation into recordings that seemed to implicate her in an Iranian plot for a cyber-attack against the U.S.

The closure affected nearly 20,000 Venezuelan voters

living in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina who had registered to vote at the Miami consulate. Most Venezuelan voters in the United States live in the Miami area and the vast majority of those are critical of the Chavez government.

After the Miami mission closed, Venezuelan election officials said that voters registered there would have to cast ballots in New Orleans, where the next-nearest consulate is located. Venezuelan opposition leaders accused the government of trying to disenfranchise voters, a charge officials denied.

"They tried to do everything possible to prevent us from voting," said Gisela Parra, a former judge who left Venezuela in 2005 after being accused of conspiring against Chavez. "The pressure was such that they had to open a voting center far away, in New Orleans."

It's like punishing us," Parra, who plans to volunteer at the New Orleans voting center, said Venezuelan electoral officials "had the obligation" to make another Miami location available.

But Tibisay Lucena, president of Venezuela's Elec-

tions Council, countered that voters registered in Miami "were relocated using the same criteria used inside the country, telling them to go to the nearest polling station."

About 15,800 Venezuelans in the U.S. voted in their country's Dec. 2006 presidential election, three-quarters of them in Miami. Of the 10,800 Venezuelans voting in Florida, 98 percent cast ballots for the opposition candidate and 2 percent for Chavez. Most Venezuelans in the U.S. are professionals or businesspeople who left their country after Chavez became president in 1999. The number of Venezuelans in the U.S. burgeoned from 91,500 in 2000 to 215,000 in 2010, according to the 2010 Census, with 57 percent of them living in Florida.

Numerous groups surfaced to assist U.S.-based Venezuelan voters, with information distributed on the Internet and social media, as well as at coffee shops and bookstores frequented by Venezuelans.

The groups include Voto Joven and Voto Donde Sea, comprised mostly of young people, and the Mesa de la Unidad Democrática, or Democratic Unity Table, a coalition of political parties backing opposition presidential candidate Henrique Capriles.

Beatriz Olavarria, who leads a commission created by the opposition alliance to distribute voter information and mobilize observers, said she hopes at least half of the voters registered in Miami will cast ballots in New Orleans. □

### Florida:

## 2 dead, 1 wounded after shooting at veterans club

**WINTER SPRINGS, Florida (AP)** — Police say two people are dead and another is injured after a shooting at a central Florida Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Winter Springs Police said a charity motorcycle ride was supposed to depart from the post when the shooting

broke out Sunday morning while the riders were eating breakfast. The Orlando Sentinel reports an unknown number of armed men came in and began firing.

It's unclear if any of the attendees shot back.

Authorities said there was some type

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# New Mexico gives look into politics of future

FERNANDA SANTOS

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**LAS VEGAS, N.M.** – The volunteers fanned out in pairs last week, swarming the heart of this old settlers' outpost in the north-central part of the nation's most Hispanic state.

Julio Maestas, 25, whose ancestors were among the area's original residents, and Anayeli Rivera, 22, whose mother was born in Mexico, knocked on doors along Valencia Street, taking the campaign message of President Barack Obama to veterans and retirees whose speech is a mix of English and Spanish. New Mexico Democrats are intensifying their efforts to increase Hispanic voter turnout, a perennial quest in the state and across the country for a rapidly growing ethnic group that tends to vote in significantly lower percentages than other groups. The results are being closely watched by national party leaders. The theory is that,



George and Lillian Salazar, retired federal workers, at a field office of the Democratic community group Organizing for America in Las Vegas, N.M. With the Hispanic population growing in many states, the way New Mexico looks today is the way many states will look in elections down the road.

(Mark Holm/The New York Times)

with the Hispanic population growing in many states, the way New Mexico looks today is the way many states will look in elections down the road. "The work we do in New Mexico will inform cam-

paigns in the future, not only about how we go out and register Hispanics, but also from a messaging standpoint – what is it that Hispanic-Americans care about," Adrian Saenz, the Obama campaign's national Latino vote director, said in a telephone interview.

When the Obama campaign first planted a flag in New Mexico five years ago, the landscape presented both a challenge and an opportunity. Outreach strategies of proven value in other states – like Spanish-language advertising – seemed to have minimal impact on New Mexico's Hispanics, who are more likely to speak English. □

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# At least 26 dead in Iraq after wave of bombings

**LARA JAKES**

**Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — A series of coordinated bombings shattered Shiite neighborhoods and struck at Iraqi security forces Sunday, killing at least 26 in attacks that one official described as a rallying call by al-Qaida just days after dozens of militants escaped from prison.

The blasts brought September's death toll from sectarian violence to nearly 200 people — a grim, above-average monthly total for the period since U.S. troops left last year. The steady pace of attacks has worked to undermine confidence in the government.

"The people are fed up with the killings in Iraqi cities," said Ammar Abbas, 45, a Shiite and government employee who lives in a Baghdad neighborhood near one of the bombings. "The government officials should feel shame for letting their people die at the hands of terrorists." Police said the wave of explosions stretched from the restive but oil-rich city of Kirkuk in the north to the southern Shiite town of Kut, wounding at least 94 people. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks, but bombings are a hallmark of al-Qaida in Iraq, the Sunni insurgency that has been struggling for years to goad Shiite militias back toward civil war.

A key Shiite lawmaker said the bombings likely sought to galvanize al-Qaida in the wake of a prison break last Friday in Saddam Hussein's northern hometown of Tikrit.

Scores of inmates escaped — including as many as 47 convicted al-Qaida militants — in a massive security lapse that the government acknowledged had help from inside.

"Al-Qaida leaders have

no intention of leaving this country or letting Iraqis live in peace," said Hakim al-Zamili, a Shiite member of parliament's security committee. "The jailbreak in Tikrit has boosted al-Qaida's morale in Iraq and thus we



**Plumes of smoke rise from the scene of a car bomb attack near the Sacred Heart Church in the Karrada Neighborhood of Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, Sep. 30, 2012. A rapid-fire series of explosions in Baghdad while Iraqis were going to work on Sunday morning, killed and wounded scores of people, police said.**

(AP Photo/Khalid Mohammed)

should expect more attacks in the near future."

"The situation in Iraq is still unstable," al-Zamili added. "And repetition of such attacks shows that our security forces are still unqualified to deal with the terrorists."

Spokesmen for the government and Baghdad's military command could not immediately be reached for comment.

Sunday's deadliest attack struck the town of Taji, a former al-Qaida stronghold just north of Baghdad. Police said three explosive-rigged cars in a Shiite neighborhood went off within minutes of each other, killing eight and wounding 28 in back-to-back blasts that began around 7:15 a.m.

At almost the same time, in Baghdad, police said a suicide bomber set off his explosives-packed car in the northwest Shiite neighborhood of Shula. "So many people were hurt. A leg of a person was amputated," lamented Shula resident Naeem Frieih. "What have those innocent people done to deserve this?"

The chain reaction of blasts continued throughout the morning, petering off around noon.

Another suicide bomber drove a minibus into a security checkpoint in Kut, located 160 kilometers (100 miles) southeast of Baghdad. Maj. Gen.

Hussein Abdul-Hadi Mahbob said three police officers were killed and five wounded. □

## Syria blast kills 4 at security compound

**KARIN LAUB**

**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — A suicide attacker detonated a car bomb near a Syrian security compound in a remote, predominantly Kurdish town Sunday, killing at least four people, state media said, in a new sign that the country's largest ethnic minority might be drawn into a widening civil war. Opposition activists said at least eight Syrian intelligence agents were killed and several dozen people wounded in the attack in the northeastern town of Qamishli, more than 700 kilometers (435 miles) from the capital Damascus.

Syria's more than 2 million



**In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, Syrian men inspect the scene of a car bomb attack in Qamishli, 497 miles (800 Kilometers) northeast Damascus, Syria, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012. A suicide attacker detonates a car bomb at a Syrian security compound in a remote, predominantly Kurdish area, killing at least four people in the latest sign that Syria's largest ethnic minority is increasingly being drawn into a widening civil war.**

(AP Photo/SANA)

Kurds, long marginalized, have largely stayed out of the fighting, though some have participated in protests against the regime of President Bashar Assad.

The uprising against Assad that erupted 18 months ago has gradually morphed into a bloody civil war. The conflict has killed more than 30,000 people, activists say, and has devastated entire neighborhoods in Syria's main cities, including Aleppo, the scene of intense fighting Sunday.

The leaders of Turkey and Egypt, among Assad's main foreign foes, sent stern warnings to the regime and its allies, in speeches to Turkey's ruling party. □

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## Thousands at Paris austerity

**PARIS (AP)** — Thousands of demonstrators marched peacefully Sunday in Paris to denounce austerity measures in Europe that have sparked violent protests in other EU countries struggling to avert fiscal crises.

The march, organized largely by the Left Front party and the Communists, comes before the French parliament's debate this week on a European fiscal treaty. Organizers put turnout at more than 80,000; Paris police declined to provide an estimate.

The protest exposed political pressures faced by President Francois Hollande — whose popularity has been sinking in recent polls — and notably from some ostensible allies of the left. It was the biggest demonstration of its kind since Hollande was elected in the spring, just weeks before his Socialists won control of the National Assembly.

The treaty would set up the European Stability Mechanism bailout fund that European leaders hope will help calm a debt crisis that threatens the eurozone and the global economy. □

Spain:

## Catalan separatist sentiment fueled by crisis

**JOSEPH WILSON**  
**Associated Press**  
**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)** — Three weeks after a massive Catalan separatist march in Barcelona — the biggest since the 1970s — the independence flags still flutter from balconies across Spain's second largest city.

Spain's crushing recession has had this divisive consequence: soaring popular sentiment in Catalonia that the affluent region would be better off as a separate nation.

On Thursday, regional lawmakers voted to hold a referendum for Catalonia's seven million citizens to decide whether they want to break away from Spain. The Spanish government says that the referendum would be unconstitutional. And it's unclear if the "Yes" vote would win — even in these restless times.

But it looks more likely than ever that Catalonia may ask to go its own way. "I have a big Catalan flag on the balcony. I put it up a week before the dem-

onstration on Sept. 11 and it is still hanging there," said Gemma Mondon, 46, a mother of two. "I think we would be better off if we can manage our money. I think we would do much better."

Catalonia, a northeastern region that is historically one of Spain's wealthiest and most industrialized, has always harbored a strong nationalist streak. Separatism is especially entrenched in the rural towns and villages outside its more cosmopolitan capital Barcelona, where people switch between speaking Spanish and Catalan with ease and at times without even noticing. In the peaceful transition from the Franco dictatorship to prosperous democracy, Catalans were content just to recover the freedom to openly speak, teach and publish in their own Catalan language, a right denied under Franco for over 30 years. But now, generations-old grievances for more self-government and recognition of their culture are rising to the surface as



**Demonstrators wave Catalan flags during a protest rally in Barcelona, Spain. Three weeks after a massive Catalan separatist march in Barcelona, the independence flags still flutter from balconies across Spain's second largest city. Spain's crushing recession has had this divisive consequence: soaring popular sentiment in Catalonia that the affluent region would be better off as a separate nation.**

(AP Photo/Emilio Morenatti)

the economic downturn bites. Many Catalans feel their quest for a sense of nationhood has been frustrated by the intransigence of the central government in Madrid. The most recent of these clashes came in 2010 when Spain's Constitutional Court weakened the Statute of Autonomy for Catalonia, a sweeping package of laws that devolved more power to the region and would have recognized Catalonia as a nation, albeit one within Spain.

Spain's slump, which has led to a spike in unemployment and harsh austerity cuts, has proven to be the tipping point for many Catalans who used to be against or ambivalent about seeking their own state.

Mondon, who works for a family run real estate management firm, said that just over a year ago she voted "No" in a nonbinding referendum organized by pro-independence groups. Now, she says she has changed her mind. □

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## Germany's Oktoberfest sees 3.6m visitors

**BERLIN (AP)** — This year's Oktoberfest folk festival has already attracted an estimated 3.6 million visitors, the city of Munich said Sunday.

Officials are expecting a total of about 6 million visitors to celebrate the 16-day extravaganza, now half over, but the beer festival's start indicates the final number might well be higher. The Oktoberfest is best known for its bands of oompah music playing in cavernous tents, local men wearing traditional Bavarian Lederhosen leather shorts and women in bright costumes.

This year's visitors have consumed 3.6 million two-pint (one-liter) mugs of beer so far. A mug, called "mass" in German, of the malty pale beer sells for up to €9.50 (\$12.30).

Last year's 6.9 million visitors downed almost 8 mil-

lion mugs.

While the Oktoberfest's main draw is the towering mugs of beer, many visitors, especially families, often flock to the Oktoberfest for its fairground attractions

such as roller coasters.

Visitors at this year's Oktoberfest, the 179th, mostly came from Germany, neighboring countries, Italy, the U.S., Asia, New Zealand and Australia so far, the city

said.

The lost-and-found office said it already counts more than 300 wallets, 200 cell-phones, 50 cameras and two wedding rings on its shelves. □



**A waitress carries beer mugs in the Hofbraeuhaus tent at the famous Bavarian "Oktoberfest" beer festival in Munich, southern Germany. This year's Oktoberfest folk festival has already attracted an estimated 3.6 million visitors, the city of Munich said Sunday. (AP Photo/Matthias Schrader)**

## Deep 7.1 quake hits Colombia

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)**

— A powerful 7.1-magnitude earthquake centered nearly 100 miles underground rattled southwestern Colombia on Sunday but no damage or injuries were reported.

The quake struck at 11:31 a.m. local time 30 miles (48 kilometers) from the regional capital of Popayan and was felt in Bogota as well as 10 of Colombia's 32 states. The U.S. Geological Survey said its epicenter was 94 miles (150 kilometers) beneath the earth's surface. The quake was the most powerful to hit Colombia since a 7.2-magnitude temblor shook the same region in 2004, said Patricia Pedraza of Colombia's geological service. □

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# Capriles leads big rally in Venezuelan capital

FABIOLA SANCHEZ

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— A huge crowd filled the streets of Venezuela's capital on Sunday cheering for opposition candidate Henrique Capriles, waving flags in a show of support one week before the country's hotly contested presidential election.

Capriles waved from a truck that rolled through the vast expanse of supporters. The crowd filled a downtown avenue and appeared to surpass 100,000 people. The authorities didn't provide a crowd estimate.

While President Hugo Chavez was leading weekend rallies elsewhere in the country, authorities were investigating the killings of two men in a shooting that erupted during an opposition campaign caravan in western Barinas state on Saturday.

Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami said in a message on Twitter on Sunday morning that a suspect was arrested in the double murder, but he didn't immediately identify the suspect. Opposition lawmaker Julio Cesar Reyes said on Saturday that a group of Chavez's supporters

blocked the caravan and people on both sides were arguing when a gunman appeared and started

up the sewage-filled Guaire River in Caracas and it remains badly polluted.

"Where's the cleanup?"



Opposition presidential candidate Henrique Capriles, center, gestures to supporters during a campaign rally in Caracas, Venezuela, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012. Presidential elections in Venezuela are scheduled for Oct. 7.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

shooting.

Opposition officials said both men killed were participants in the motorcade of Capriles supporters.

Capriles condemned the violence in his speech to supporters on Sunday.

He also criticized Chavez for what he called a long list of unfulfilled promises, noting that years ago the president pledged to clean

Pure chatter," Capriles told the crowd.

The opposition leader criticized what he called gifts by Chavez's government to other countries, and rattled off a list including a donation to a Puerto Rican music group, a hospital in Uruguay and prefabricated homes in Guatemala.

Chavez rallied thousands of supporters on Saturday

in Guarenas, a town east of Caracas, telling them: "It's impossible for us to lose."

Chavez's supporters grabbed at red T-shirts that were thrown into the

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# Venezuela's Hugo Chavez says he'd vote for Obama

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has weighed in on the U.S. presidential race, saying he prefers President Barack Obama. "If I were American, I'd vote for Obama," Chavez said in a televised interview that aired Sunday.

The Venezuelan leader called Obama "a good guy" and said if the U.S.

president were a Venezuelan, "I think ... he'd vote for Chavez."

Chavez is running for re-election, seeking another six years in office in an Oct. 7 vote. Obama faces Republican Mitt Romney in his November re-election bid. Venezuela has had tense relations with the U.S. government for years, even though the United States

remains the top buyer of oil from the country.

"I wish we could begin a new period of normal relations with the government of the United States," Chavez said in the interview on the Venezuelan television channel Televen. Chavez and Obama shook hands at a 2009 summit, but relations have since cooled.



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# Ex-PM in Curacao claims bloodless coup

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Curacao's former leader was holed up Sunday inside what used to be his official offices, accusing the acting governor of overstepping her constitutional powers by forming an interim government three weeks before general elections on the Dutch Caribbean island.

Gerrit Schotte dissolved parliament and called Oct. 19 elections before resigning Aug. 3 as Curacao's prime minister when his government lost its majority. He insisted that Acting Governor Adeel van der Pluijm-Vrede sparked a bloodless "coup" by swearing in an interim administration on Saturday.

"The reality is that this is a coup because they have no constitutional basis to do this. There is some hid-

den agenda to stop the election or manipulate the election," Schotte told The Associated Press during a Sunday phone interview from the prime minister's offices, where he said he slept on a sofa overnight. Several

Schotte, who plans to run as leader of the Curacao Future Movement in next month's elections, is seeking support from regional governments including Venezuela, 35 miles away. Meanwhile, he's been

tal of Willemstad, some citizens dismissed Schotte's claims of a "coup" as political gamesmanship ahead of the vote. Most people went about their normal business, some heading to church while others frolicked at the beach or rested at home.

"There is no coup, the ex-PM spreads this around the world," said Peter van Leeuwen, who heads a local conservation group. "The streets are quiet."

Enchi Enmo, owner of the Seaside Terrace restaurant, said: "Things here are normal, no problems. People are going to the beach." Five political parties had called for an interim government to prepare for the Oct. 19 vote and manage the island's affairs. Parliamentarians have also alleged that Schotte was misusing public funds to help his faction, a claim he de-

nies.

Curacao's interim leader, Stanley Betrian, seemed unperturbed by Schotte's allegations and his decision to remain inside the government offices. Betrian, a former lieutenant governor, told local reporters he has started work as interim prime minister and he doesn't need an office to carry out his duties.

It's unclear how long Schotte and his supporters intend to stay in the government offices.

Schotte says police were ordered to kick them out, but they didn't carry through because the corps' political loyalty is divided.

Sunday phone calls to Curacao's acting governor rang unanswered.

Van der Pluijm-Vrede assumed the role of acting governor last week after Gov. Frits Goedgedrag left the island for medical treatment overseas.

It's not the first time that Schotte has spoken about coups in Curacao.

In May, Schotte announced that he suspended the island's entire secret service agency, accusing agents of planning a coup in 2010, the year he became prime minister following the breakup of the Netherlands Antilles political grouping.

He and the secret service agency had several run-ins after the island obtained greater autonomy in 2010. Curacao is an independent country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the governor is the representative of the Dutch monarch. The islands' ties to the Netherlands date to 1634, when a Dutch trading settlement was established there. □



**Gerrit Schotte, Curacao's former leader, was holed up Sunday inside what used to be his official offices, accusing the acting governor of overstepping her constitutional powers by forming an interim government three weeks before general elections on the Dutch Caribbean island.**

(Photo)

supporters have joined him in the government house in Willemstad, he said.

sending "the message to everyone to stay relaxed." In Curacao's colorful capi-

# Thousands protest Haiti government

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

—Several thousand people poured into the streets of Haiti's capital on Sunday to protest the government of President Michel Martelly. It was among the biggest demonstrations this year in Port-au-Prince against the first-time leader as he tries to rebuild the impoverished nation following a powerful 2010 earthquake that displaced more than a million people and destroyed thousands of homes.

Demonstrators' complaints included the high cost of living, rising food prices and allegations of corruption as they snaked through the poorer neighborhoods Port-au-Prince.

Some protesters carried small red cards to suggest that Martelly has committed too many fouls since he was sworn in as president in May 2011.

The Martelly government had no immediate public reaction to the protest.

Martelly, a pop music star before he turned to politics, presented himself as an outsider when he ran for the presidency. He promised free schooling and houses for people displaced by the earthquake. But some Haitians complain that Martelly has fallen short of improving their lives in one of the poorest countries in the world.

"The president has made so

many promises but nothing has become a reality," protester Max Dorlien said. "It's only a clique of his friends who are making money."

The Sunday protest followed several weeks of mostly peaceful demonstrations in the countryside, and more are planned for October. □



**People demonstrate during a protest against Haiti's President Michel Martelly government in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012.**

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)





**At Screaming Eagle Restaurant:**

## Duo of Chefs who dazzled diners, slated to do it again at the upcoming Tuck Beckstoffer Winemaker's Dinner

**Eagle Beach** - The Essence of Burgundy event earlier this year in April at Screaming Eagle restaurant was a huge success and all food and wine pairings presented that evening were very well received by a cheering crowd of food & wine aficionados.

Friends of Screaming Eagle restaurant and fans of its Executive Chef Erwin Hüsken attended a culinary extravaganza featuring a special Louis Jadot menu. Chefs Erwin Hüsken teamed up with Chef Bram Verleg, Head Chef of the Flying Fishbone restaurant in Savaneta, to create a truly impressive pairing, befitting the fine wines of Louis Jadot, a French wine company which produces and markets Burgundy wines. The menu took off with Canadian lobster, accompanied by apple, curry mayonnaise and Dutch herring caviar which was paired with Chassagne Montrachet, Domaine du Duc de Magneta, 1er Cru, Clos de la Chapelle; The first appetizer delivered pan fried veal sweetbreads over mousseline sauce flavored with smoked celeriac and morel, paired with Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Cru; The second appetizer re-



vealed pan fried Norwegian halibut with aligot of brie de meaux cheese, and a duck liver curl over red wine reduction, paired with Gevrey-Chambertin Estournelles Saint-Jacques, 1er Cru.

The much-applauded main course Grilled NY striploin of American bison served with sweet potatoes, haricots verts and melted café de paris butter paired with Pommard Grand Epenots, 1er Cru, was followed by Époisses de Bourgogne cheese, served as crème brûlée, escorted by a cum-

in puff pastry and apple marmalade, paired with Corton Greves, Grand Cru, for dessert.

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# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY



New York Yankees Alex Rodriguez (left) pats Robinson Cano on the back after the pair scored on a single by Curtis Granderson against Toronto Blue Jays during ninth inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012.

Associated Press

### Yankees beat Blue Jays 9-6, maintain share of lead

**TORONTO (AP)** — After holding onto the AL East lead for more than 3½ months, the Yankees appeared set to fall out of first place on Sunday. Then they rallied from a four-run deficit and headed home still tied with Baltimore.

"Tonight was a season-defining game for us," New York's Nick Swisher said after a 9-6 win at the Toronto Blue Jays. "We could have gone down big like that and just packed it in, but that's not this team's M.O. That's not how we approach it."

Eduardo Nunez drove in the go-ahead run with an eighth-inning sacrifice fly. Eric Chavez homered for the Yankees (92-67), who completed a 4-3 trip and headed home for a season-closing series against Boston. The Orioles (92-67) beat the Red Sox 6-3 and traveled to Florida for their final series, at Tampa Bay.

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# COLLAPSE



### Europe completes record comeback, retains Ryder Cup

USA's Jim Furyk reacts as European players celebrate after winning the Ryder Cup PGA golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill. Next to Furyk are Phil Mickelson and Webb Simpson.

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Officials respond to cheers from the crowd as they arrive to work the NFL football game between the Miami Dolphins and the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, in Glendale, Ariz. NFL officials ended their labor dispute with the league by approving a new eight-year contract with a 112-5 vote Saturday, then hustled off to the airport to get to work.

Associated Press

## Bryant field goal leads Falcons past Panther 30-28

**ATLANTA (AP) — ATLANTA (AP)** — Matt Bryant kicked a 40-yard field goal with 5 seconds remaining and the Atlanta Falcons remained unbeaten, rallying past the Carolina Panthers 30-28 on Sunday.

The Falcons (4-0) are off to their best start since 2004, when they reached the NFC championship game. Despite taking a career-high seven sacks, Matt

Ryan threw three touchdown passes for Atlanta. Bryant added three field goals. The Panthers (1-3) nearly clinched it on Cam Newton's run with just over a minute remaining, but he fumbled the ball while trying to dive for the necessary yardage. Carolina recovered and wound up punting, downing the ball at the Atlanta 1. But Ryan immediately got the Falcons out of the hole, throwing a 59-yard pass to Roddy White.

Four plays later, Bryant won it.

TEXANS 38, TITANS 14

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Danieal Manning and Kareem Jackson returned interceptions for touchdowns and Matt Schaub threw two TD passes.

Arian Foster had a touchdown run for the Texans (4-0), who are off to the best start in club history.

Titans quarterback Jake Locker left in the first quarter and did not return after hurting his left, non-throwing shoulder on a hit by Glover Quin.

Matt Hasselbeck threw two touchdown passes in relief of Locker for the Titans (1-3). Chris Johnson carried 25 times for 141 yards, more than tripling his rushing total through the first three games.

49ERS 34, JETS 0

EAST RUTHERFORD, New

Jersey (AP) — Carlos Rogers returned a fumble 51 yards for a touchdown, and San Francisco ran for more than 200 yards.

Frank Gore, Kendall Hunter and backup quarterback Colin Kaepernick — on a wildcat-style option — all ran for scores as the 49ers (3-1) bounced back from a loss at Minnesota. Rather than head back to the West Coast, coach Jim Harbaugh chose to have his team stay in eastern Ohio — and it apparently helped. The Jets (2-2) lost top wide receiver Santonio Holmes to what appeared to be a serious foot injury. It was the first time New York was shut out since losing 9-0 to Green Bay in 2010, and the Jets' biggest shut-out home loss since falling 37-0 to Buffalo in 1989.

VIKINGS 20, LIONS 13

**DETROIT (AP)** — Percy Harvin returned the opening kickoff 105 yards for a touchdown and Marcus Sherels scored on a punt return early in the third for Minnesota.

Minnesota (3-1), in first place in the NFC North, matched the number of wins it had last season. The Vikings also snapped an 11-game losing streak in the division.

The Lions (1-3) have lost three straight.

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Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver A.J. Green, left, catches a pass for a 42-yard gain in front of Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Rashean Mathis during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, in Jacksonville, Fla. Associated Press

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They are the first team since at least 1940 to give up a kickoff and a punt return for TDs in consecutive games, according to STATS LLC. They gave up scores on a kickoff and punt in last week's 44-41 loss in overtime at Tennessee.

#### RAMS 19, SEAHAWKS

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Rookie Greg Zuerlein kicked four field goals, including a 58-yarder and a club record 60-yarder, and the Rams also used a fake field goal to score their only TD of the game. The Rams 2-2) went ahead 10-7 late in the first half when a fake field goal attempt turned into a 2-yard touchdown pass from punter Johnny Hekker to Danny Amendola. The Seahawks (2-2) lost six days after beating Green Bay when a botched call by replacement officials on the final play gave them the winning touchdown. Regular officials were back this weekend. Marshawn Lynch led Seattle with 118 yards on 20 carries, including an 18-yard score on the game's first possession. The Rams intercepted Russell Wilson three times, with Bradley Fletcher clinching it with a pick at the Rams 25 with a minute to go.

#### PATRIOTS 52, BILLS 28

**ORCHARD PARK, New York (AP)** — Tom Brady led New

England on six consecutive second-half touchdown drives. Brady finished 22 of 36 for 340 yards and three scores, and also scored on a 4-yard run in helping the Patriots (2-2) avoid their first three-game losing streak in 10 years. Stevan Ridley scored two touchdowns rushing. New England scored 35 straight points and finished with 580 total yards in overcoming a 21-7 third-quarter deficit. The Patriots forced six turnovers, including four interceptions of Ryan Fitzpatrick passes, and three sacks. Fitzpatrick finished 22 of 39 for 350 yards and four touchdowns, including two to tight end Scott Chandler. The Bills (2-2) dropped to 1-17 in their last 18 games against New England.

#### CHARGERS 37, CHIEFS 20

**KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)** — Philip Rivers threw for 209 yards and two touchdowns, and San Diego capitalized on six turnovers. Five of the Chiefs' turnovers came in the first half, when San Diego (3-1) raced to a 27-6 lead. Matt Cassel threw for 251 yards and two touchdowns for Kansas City (1-3), but he also had three first-half interceptions. Jamaal Charles, who followed his big game last week at New Orleans with touchdowns rushing and receiving, fumbled twice. □

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# Comeback complete, Europe wins Ryder Cup

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

MEDINAH, Illinois (AP) — Erasing some of their worst Ryder Cup memories, the Europeans wore the image of Seve Ballesteros on their sleeves and played their hearts out Sunday at Medinah to match the greatest comeback in the sport's history and head home with that precious gold trophy.

Europe got its payback for Brookline. Martin Kaymer gave German golf redemption for Kiawah Island.

Jose Maria Olazabal squeezed his eyes and fought back tears when Kaymer holed a 6-foot par putt — about the same length that countryman Bernhard Langer missed at Kiawah in 1991 — to beat Steve Stricker and give Europe the point it needed to keep the cup.

Tiger Woods missed a 3½-foot par putt on the 18th hole and conceded a par to Francesco Molinari that halved their match, that extra half-point making it a clear-cut win for Europe, 14½-13½.

Woods and Stricker, the anchors in the lineup, didn't win a single match at Medinah.

"This one is for all of Europe," Olazabal said. "Seve will always be present with this team. He was a big factor for this event for the Euro-



**USA's Steve Stricker reacts after a putt on the 18th hole during a singles match at the Ryder Cup PGA golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill.**  
Associated Press



**Europe's Martin Kaymer celebrates after winning the Ryder Cup PGA golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill.**  
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**Europe's Rory McIlroy, Sergio Garcia and Luke Donald celebrate after winning the Ryder Cup PGA golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, at the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill.**  
Associated Press

pean side, and last night when we were having that meeting, I think the boys understood that believing was the most important thing. And I think they did." Ian Poulter was the first to embrace Olazabal, which was only fitting.

It was Poulter who gave Europe hope Saturday evening when he made five straight birdies to turn a loss into a win and swing momentum in Europe's favor. Poulter was up to his fist-pumping, eye-bulging tricks again on the final day, winning the last two holes in his match against U.S. Open champion

Webb Simpson.

And he had plenty of help. Europe's top five players in the lineup all won, including Rory McIlroy, who was lucky to be playing. McIlroy kept thinking his match was at 12:25 p.m. — it was listed in Eastern time, not Central — and he needed a police escort to get to the course with 10 minutes to spare. Then, he came up with key birdies to hand Keegan Bradley his first loss of the week.

The biggest match might have belonged to Justin Rose. He was on the verge of losing to Phil Mickelson when Rose holed a 12-foot

par putt to halve the 16th, made a 35-foot birdie putt from the back of the 17th green to win the hole, and then closed out Mickelson with a 12-foot birdie on the last hole.

Six of the 12 matches went to the 18th hole on Sunday. The Americans won only one of them.

The Americans also rallied from a four-point deficit to win in 1999 at Brookline. This was different, though. The Americans won big in those early matches. At Medinah, so many of them could have gone either way.

It was so close, so tense, that either side could have won the Ryder Cup down to the very end.

Stricker made an 8-foot par putt on the 18th, and Kaymer faced a par putt from 6 feet to win the match. If he missed, the Americans would get a half-point, and Woods was leading 1-up over Molinari and in the middle of the 18th fairway. Kaymer, a former No. 1 and major champion who has struggled all year, poured it in the middle and the celebration was on.

"It's a feeling I never had before," Kaymer said. "On Friday, I sat down with Bernhard and talked a little bit about the Ryder Cup because my attitude was not the right one. But now I know how important the Ryder Cup is." □

## NHL, locked-out players meet for 3rd straight day

IRA PODELL

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL and the players' association met for a third straight day Sunday, and again avoided the troublesome money issues that are fueling the ongoing lockout.

"We did not discuss core economic issues, as was the plan," NHLPA special counsel Steve Fehr said after meeting for five hours with the NHL. "We discussed health and safety, drug testing, including more

discussion of drug testing, medical care etc. Also a number of things in the CBA legal area of player movements." The drug policy was a key component of talks Friday when the sides got together for the first time since the NHL imposed the lockout on Sept. 16.

On Saturday, the sides focused on clarifications of definitions of what makes up hockey-related revenue — a pot that exceeded \$3 billion. "It was a productive day. We made some

progress in some areas," Fehr said Sunday. "I would say it's good that we were talking. It's true that we could've done this last week or a week before or a week before that, but it's a lot better than doing it three weeks from now." Because of difficulty in finding common ground on how to split up that money, the league and union instead concentrated all weekend on secondary issues that will also be included in any new agreement. □



**Matthew Schneider, left, special assistant to NHL Players Association executive director Donald Fehr, Winnipeg Jets' Ron Hainsey, center, and Steve Fehr, players union special counsel, arrive at NHL headquarters in New York, Friday, Sept. 28, 2012. With the clock ticking down to the start of the season, the NHL and its locked-out players are talking again.**  
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# Brad Keselowski emerges late to win at Dover

**DAN GELSTON**  
**AP Sports Writer**  
**DOVER, Delaware (AP)** — Brad Keselowski had just enough fuel left to take the checkered flag Sunday at Dover International Speedway for his second victory in three weeks.

Keselowski won the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship opener at Chicagoland and followed that by conserving enough fuel down the stretch at Dover. Keselowski raced to his fifth victory of the season and zipped into the points lead. Chase driver Jeff Gordon finished second. Jimmie Johnson lost his grip on the points lead with a fourth-place finish.

Johnson and Denny Hamlin, who faded to eighth, had two of the top cars all race. They just did not have enough fuel to make a hard, clean push in the

closing laps of the 400-mile race.

There are seven races left in the Chase.

Keselowski heads to Talladega Superspeedway as the hottest driver in the Chase.

"There's a lot of racing to go, a ton of racing to go," Keselowski said.

"Certainly, we're in good position."

Kyle Busch and Johnson had to ease off the gas late in the race and were denied their chances of victory. For Busch, it would have been a nice confidence boost in a season where he failed to make the Chase. Johnson lost a chance to win his record eighth race at Dover when he had to slow down in the No. 48 over the final laps.

Hamlin briefly took the lead but he had to make a pit stop of his own with 10 laps

left. Hamlin had talked this week about embracing Dover after calling the mile concrete oval his least favorite one on the circuit. He won the pole and seemed in position to pull off a breakthrough win until fuel issues forced him down pit road behind Busch, his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate.

That left it to Gordon and Keselowski to duel for the lead over the closing laps. Gordon hoped Keselowski's No. 2 Dodge would run out of instead.

Instead, Keselowski ran off with the victory.

"We were just a top-five car all weekend," Keselowski said. "My guys just kept us there. When you're in top five, you're in good position for things to happen."

Gordon followed his third place last week at New Hampshire with another strong run at Dover. He



**Brad Keselowski hoists the trophy as he celebrates his win in victory lane at the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Dover International Speedway, Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, in Dover, Del.**  
**Associated Press**

needed it after a 35th-place finish in the opener at Chicagoland buried him in the standings.

"We're not going to con-

tinue in this championship against those guys up front if they keep running the way they're running," he said. □

## Yankees - Blue Jays

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"Every game feels like it's a playoff game right now," Russell Martin said. "That's our attitude."

New York has overcome four-run deficits to win twice in a nine-game span for the second time this season, according to STATS LLC. The Yankees tied Baltimore and Texas (92-66) for the most wins in the AL.

With both the division title and the AL's best record still up for grabs, the Yankees aren't relishing the prospect of playing the last-place Red Sox, who have lost 90 games for the first time since 1966.

"They would like nothing better than to spoil our season," Martin said. "Us knowing that, I don't think any-

body is going to take them lightly."

A wild-card berth and the one-game playoff that comes with it isn't to New York's liking. The Yankees opened a 10-game AL East lead in mid-July and have never failed to finish first in a season in which they led by at least 6½ games.

"This team wants to win a division," Swisher said. "That's it. I don't ever think in the history of Yankee baseball we've shot for the wild card. That's not how we get down over here. This city, this team expects to win and that's what I expect us to go out and do."

Toronto took a 5-1 lead in the fifth against Phil Hughes, but the Yankees closed in the sixth on a run-scoring pitch by Henderson Alvarez and tied it an inning later on Ichiro Suzuki's sac-



**New York Yankees Eric Chavez hits a solo homer off Toronto Blue Jays Henderson Alvarez during the third inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012.**  
**Associated Press**

rifice fly, Robinson Cano's RBI double against Steve Delabar and Aaron Loup's run-scoring wild pitch.

"It seemed liked we just

kept at it, kept at it, kept picking away," manager Joe Girardi said.

Darren Oliver (3-4) walked Curtis Granderson lead-

ing off the seventh, Raul Ibanez singled, Martin sacrificed and Nunez drove in the go-ahead run. Derek Jeter's RBI single put the Yankees ahead 7-5.


"It's a big win for us to be able come back in that situation," Girardi said.

Granderson added a two-run single in the ninth off Jason Frasor, reaching 100 RBIs for the second straight year despite a .226 batting average.

Boone Logan (7-2) got the final two outs of the seventh as the Yankees avoided consecutive defeats for the first time since a three-game skid from Sept. 2-4. Rafael Soriano allowed Toronto to load the bases with no outs in the ninth before Yunel Escobar hit into a run-scoring, double-play grounder and Adam Lind grounded out. □



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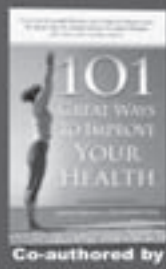


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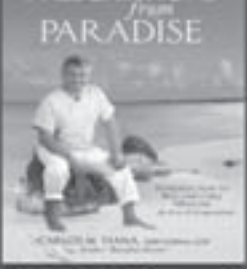
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# Animals suspected spreading new SARS-like virus

**MARIA CHENG**  
**AP Medical Writer**

**LONDON (AP)** — Britain's Health Protection Agency has published an early genetic sequence of the new respiratory virus related to SARS that shows it is most closely linked to bat viruses, and scientists say camels, sheep or goats might end up being implicated too. So far, officials have only identified two confirmed cases and say the virus isn't as infectious as SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, which killed hundreds of people, mostly in Asia, in a 2003 global outbreak.

In Geneva, World Health Organization spokesman Glenn Thomas told reporters Friday that so far the signs are that the virus is "not easily transmitted from person to person" — but analyses are ongoing. The agency said it's too early to tell how big a threat the new virus will be since it is unknown how exactly it spreads and whether it will evolve into a more dangerous form.

Global health officials suspect two victims from the Middle East may have caught it from animals. "It's a logical possibility to consider any animals pres-

ent in the region in large numbers," said Ralph Baric, a coronavirus expert at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"Biologists now need to go into the area and take samples from any animals they can get their hands on, including camels and goats," he said. Baric said it



**Feature is a white-winged vampire bat pup, which researchers are saying is the first captive birth in the United States of the rare vampire bat, is shown in Tijeras, N.M. Britain's Health Protection Agency has published an early genetic sequence of the new respiratory virus related to SARS that shows it is most closely linked to bat viruses, and scientists say camels, sheep or goats might end up being implicated too. So far, officials have only identified two confirmed cases and say the virus isn't as infectious as SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, which killed hundreds of people, mostly in Asia, in a 2003 global outbreak. (AP Photo/Jake Schoellkopf)**

ent in the region in large numbers," said Ralph Baric, a coronavirus expert at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

was crucial to find out how widespread the virus is in animals and what kind of contact might be risky for people.

Baric suggested bats might be spreading the virus directly to humans since the two confirmed infections happened months apart. "If there was an established transmission pattern from other animals, we probably would have seen a lot more cases," he said.

WHO said it is considering the possibility the new coronavirus sickened humans after direct contact with animals. The agency is now working with experts in the Middle East to figure out how the two confirmed cases got infected but could not share details until the investigation was finished.

One patient was a Saudi Arabian man who died several months ago while the other is a Qatari national

who traveled to Saudi Arabia before falling ill and is currently in critical but stable condition in a London hospital.

Earlier this week, WHO issued a global alert asking doctors to be on guard for any potential cases of the new respiratory virus, which also causes kidney failure. Saudi officials have already warned that next month's annual Muslim Hajj pilgrimage, which brings millions to Saudi Arabia from all around the world, could allow the virus to spread.

As a precautionary measure, they are advising pilgrims to keep their hands clean and wear masks in crowded places.

Experts said knowing where a virus comes from provides clues on how to stop it. □

## US approves less-invasive heart defibrillator implant

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration says it has approved a first-of-a-kind heart-zapping implant from Boston Scientific that that does not directly touch the heart.

Implantable defibrillators use thin wires to send electrical signals that disrupt dangerous heart rhythms. Surgeons have traditionally connected the wires to the heart through a blood vessel in the upper chest. The new device from Boston Scientific uses wires that sit just below the skin's surface and do not need to be threaded through the heart's blood vessels. Boston Scientific Corp. acquired the device through a \$150 million buyout of Cameron Health. Under the terms of the deal, Boston Scientific will pay an additional \$150 million for FDA approval, plus up to \$1 billion in payments based on future sales figures. □

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## Researcher says flaw in Android creates phone risk

**RICHARD LARDNER**  
Associated Press  
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(AP)

— Cellphones using Google's Android operating system are at risk of being disabled or wiped clean of their data, including contacts, music and photos, because of a security flaw that was discovered several months ago but went unnoticed until now.

Opening a link to a website or a mobile application embedded with malicious code can trigger an attack capable of destroying the memory card in Android-equipped handsets made by Samsung, HTC, Motorola and Sony Ericsson, rendering the devices useless, computer security researcher Ravi Borgaonkar wrote in a blog post Friday. Another code that can erase a user's data by performing a factory reset of the device appears to target only the newly released and top selling Galaxy S III and other Samsung phones, he wrote.

Borgaonkar informed Google of the vulnerability in June, he said. A fix was issued quickly, he said, but it wasn't publicized, leaving smartphone owners largely unaware that the problem existed and how they could fix it.

Google declined to comment. Android debuted in 2008 and now dominates the smartphone market. Nearly 198 million smartphones using Android were sold in the first six months of 2012, according to the research firm IDC. About

243 million Android-equipped phones were sold in 2011, IDC said.

Versions of Android that are vulnerable include Gingerbread, Ice Cream Sandwich and Jelly Bean, according to Borgaonkar. He said the Honeycomb version of Android, designed for tablets, needs to be tested to determine if it is at risk as well.

Samsung, which makes most of the Android phones, said only early production models of the Galaxy S III were affected and a software update has been issued for that model. The company said it is conducting an internal review to determine if other devices are affected and what, if any, action is needed. Samsung said it is advising customers to check for software updates through the "Settings: About device: Software update" menu available on Samsung phones.

Borgaonkar, a researcher at Germany's Technical University Berlin, said the bug works by taking advantage of functions in phones that allow them to dial a telephone number directly from a web browser. That convenience comes with risk, however. A hacker, or anyone with ill intent, can create a website or an app with codes that instruct the phones linking to those numbers to execute commands automatically, such as a full factory reset.

The phone's memory card, known as a subscriber identity module, or SIM, can be de-

stroyed remotely in the same way, Borgaonkar said. "Vulnerability in Android can be exploited to kill the SIM card permanently by clicking a single click," he wrote. "After the successful attack, the end user has to go to the mobile network operator and buy a new SIM card."

While Borgaonkar has drawn attention to the problem, it's unclear how useful the vulnerability would be to cybercriminals who are primarily interested in profits or gaining a competitive advantage, said Jimmy Shah, a mobile security researcher at McAfee. "There's no benefit to the attacker if they can't make money off it or they can't steal your data," Shah said. "It's really not that useful."

But the technique could cause huge headaches if it were harnessed to issue outbound phone calls, said Mikko Hypponen, chief research officer at F-Secure, a digital security company in Helsinki, Finland. "If that would be doable, we would quickly see real world attacks causing phones to automatically dial out to premium-rate numbers," he said. □



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# Buffett's kids use dad's ideas to invest in giving

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**AP Business Writer**

**OMAHA, Nebraska (AP)** —

As they work to give away part of Warren Buffett's roughly \$47 billion fortune, his three children have adopted an approach that looks remarkably similar to their father's technique for making all that money.

Like Buffett, each relies on tiny staffs. And just like their father invests only in businesses he understands, they restrict their giving to their targeted projects.

Warren Buffett doesn't direct how the foundations created by Susie, Howard and Peter Buffett spend the estimated \$2.6 billion in Berkshire Hathaway stock they'll receive, but his children seem to have absorbed his philosophy.

"I think the only pressure I feel from him is making sure we're smart about how we spend the money," said Howard Buffett. "He's had no influence on where we give money, but he's had a big influence on how we go about it."

Buffett's children have focused on different topics,

reflecting their divergent interests.

Howard Buffett is helping farmers in impoverished nations produce more to

women and girls worldwide through education, collaboration and economic development to end violence against women.



**Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett, second right, sits with his children from left: Howard, Susie and Peter, at the Berkshire Hathaway shareholders meeting in Omaha, Neb. As they work to give away part of Warren Buffett's roughly \$47 billion fortune, his three children have adopted an approach that looks remarkably similar to their father's technique for making all that money.**

(AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

reduce world hunger. Susie Buffett is strengthening early childhood education and looking for ways to reduce teen pregnancy. And Peter Buffett wants to empower

"We're given this amazing opportunity to try and make change where we can," Peter Buffett said. "And being our father's children, we don't think small."

The Buffett children have all been running foundations their parents set up for them since the late 1990s, but they had to dramatically increase their giving after 2006 when Warren Buffett announced his overall giving plan and the children received their first annual gift of stock worth roughly \$65 million to each of them. They'll have to ramp up their giving again because Buffett's annual gifts of Berkshire Hathaway stock will increase to roughly \$100 million to \$125 million to each child next summer. Although his children's foundations will each eventually receive stock worth about \$2.6 billion, their charitable work is still overshadowed by their dad's main pledge to give the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation stock worth more than \$44 billion. Warren Buffett is also giving nearly \$4.4 billion worth of stock to the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, named for the investor's first wife, who died in 2004. That organization promotes women's reproductive health and tries to limit the

spread of nuclear weapons.

All three younger Buffetts said they're glad their father encouraged them to take risks, so they wouldn't be afraid to tackle difficult issues.

The Buffett children also said they are glad their parents had the foresight to set up separate foundations for each of them, so they could all go their own way. Howard Buffett regularly travels to poverty-stricken parts of the world to talk with farmers and check up on projects his foundation has funded, but the 57-year-old often doesn't tell his dad where he's going until after he returns to avoid worrying him about the dangers of destinations like the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Howard Buffett, who raises corn and soybeans in Illinois, likes to get a close look at the challenges those farmers he's trying to help face. He said when he's travelling he's reminded of how his mother would try to help anyone in need she encountered. □

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# Why US economy is flashing conflicting signals

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Any-  
one puzzled by the most  
recent U.S. economic  
data has reason for feel-  
ing so: The numbers sketch  
a sometimes contradictory  
picture of the economy.  
We've learned that:

Consumers are more con-  
fident but aren't spending  
much. Fewer people are  
losing jobs, but not many  
are being hired. Home  
and stock prices are up,  
but workers' pay is trailing  
inflation. Auto sales have  
jumped, but manufactur-  
ing is faltering.

This is what an economy  
stuck in a slow-growth rut  
can look like, and it's a fo-  
cal point of the presiden-  
tial campaign. The U.S.  
economy grew at a scant  
1.3 percent annual rate in  
the April-June quarter —  
too weak to reduce high  
unemployment. And most  
economists foresee little if  
any improvement the rest  
of the year.

Many Americans are re-  
ducing debt loads instead  
of spending freely. Build-  
ers are borrowing less and  
constructing homes at a  
modest pace. Businesses  
are being cautious about  
hiring and expanding.  
In the long run, reduced  
debts and rising home and  
stock prices will help rebuild  
household wealth, boost  
consumer spending and  
spur job growth. But it's tak-  
ing time.

"The U.S. outlook could  
best be described as one  
of near-term weakness and  
long-term strength," says  
Chris Jones, an economist  
at TD Bank.

Here are some of the mixed  
signals recent economic  
reports have sent with the  
election now five weeks  
away:

## HOUSING

After plunging when the  
housing bubble burst,  
home prices are finally ris-  
ing steadily, according  
to the Standard & Poor's/  
Case-Shiller index. The in-  
dex rose in July compared  
with a year earlier. That was  
the second straight year-



**A worker sits atop a steel beam at the Love Field modernization project construction site in Dallas. Anyone puzzled by the most recent U.S. economic data has reason for feeling so as the numbers sketch a sometimes contradictory picture of the economy. People are more confident but aren't spending much. Fewer people are losing jobs, but not many are being hired. Home and stock prices are up, but workers' pay is trailing inflation. This is what an economy stuck in a slow-growth rut can look like.**  
(AP Photo/LM Otero)

over-year gain. Still, the an-  
nual pace of new-home  
sales dipped in August from  
a two-year high in July. At  
the same time, sales were  
nearly 28 percent above  
the level a year earlier.

The Good News: For most  
Americans, a home is their  
most valuable asset. As its  
value increases, homeowners  
grow wealthier and typi-  
cally feel more confident.  
That tends to spark more  
consumer spending — the  
U.S. economy's main fuel.  
Rising prices also lead more  
people to sell homes, fur-  
ther energizing the housing  
market. More sales would  
likely spur further home-  
building.

The Bad News: Home con-  
struction now plays too  
small a role in the economy  
to provide much lift. It made  
up only 2.4 percent of the

economy in the April-June  
quarter. That compares  
with a peak of 6.3 percent  
at the end of 2005 and a  
longer-run average of just  
under 5 percent. "Housing  
would therefore need to  
be on steroids to provide  
a major boost to growth,"  
Paul Dales, an economist

at Capital Economics, said  
in a note to clients.

Looking Ahead: Record-  
low mortgage rates are  
likely to keep homes af-  
fordable. The Federal Re-  
serve's decision to spend  
\$40 billion on mortgage  
bonds each month until  
the recovery accelerates  
should keep rates low and  
increase home sales. Ris-  
ing builder confidence also  
suggests that construc-  
tion will keep growing. But  
many Americans lack the  
credit to qualify for a mort-  
gage. Or they can't afford  
the larger down payments  
now required.

## CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

Americans are feeling bet-  
ter about the economy de-  
spite chronically weak job  
gains and pay levels that  
lag inflation. The private

Conference Board's index  
of consumer confidence is  
at a seven-month peak. A  
survey of consumer senti-  
ment by the University of  
Michigan has reached its  
second-highest point in  
nearly five years. Both sur-  
veys found that consumers  
are lukewarm about cur-  
rent economic conditions  
but more optimistic about  
the future. The Good News:  
When consumers are con-  
fident, they're generally  
more likely to spend. Both  
surveys also found that  
consumers expect hiring to  
pick up. The Bad News: You  
can't spend confidence.  
Rising confidence doesn't  
always lead to higher  
spending. And when an  
economy is healthy, con-  
sumer confidence is usually

much higher than it is now.  
Looking Ahead: Without  
more hiring and stronger  
pay raises, the recent gains  
in consumer confidence  
might not last.

## CONSUMER SPENDING

Americans spent more in  
August. But that was mainly  
because they had to pay  
more for gas and some  
other items. Adjusted for in-  
flation, consumer spending  
barely rose in August. That's  
been true for most of this  
year.

The Good News: Ameri-  
cans were willing to spend  
more, even if much of it  
went in the gas tank. Con-  
sumers were even willing to  
save less in order to spend  
more. That's another sign of  
confidence. □

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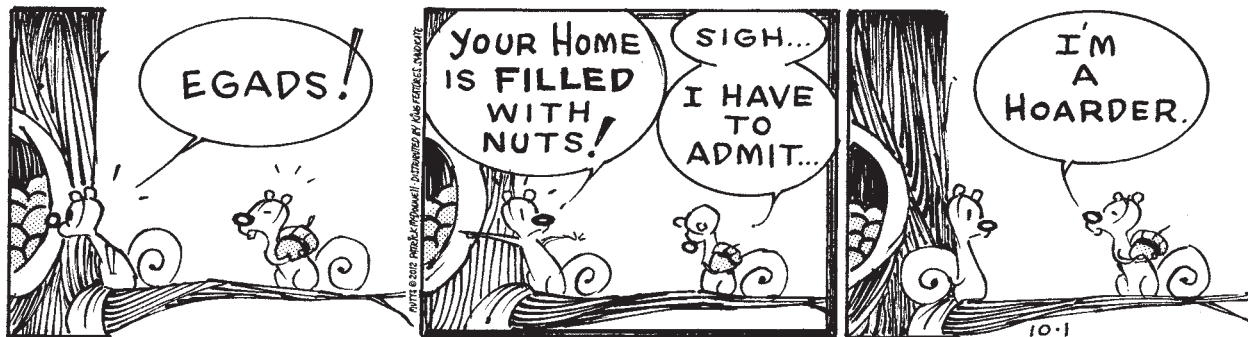
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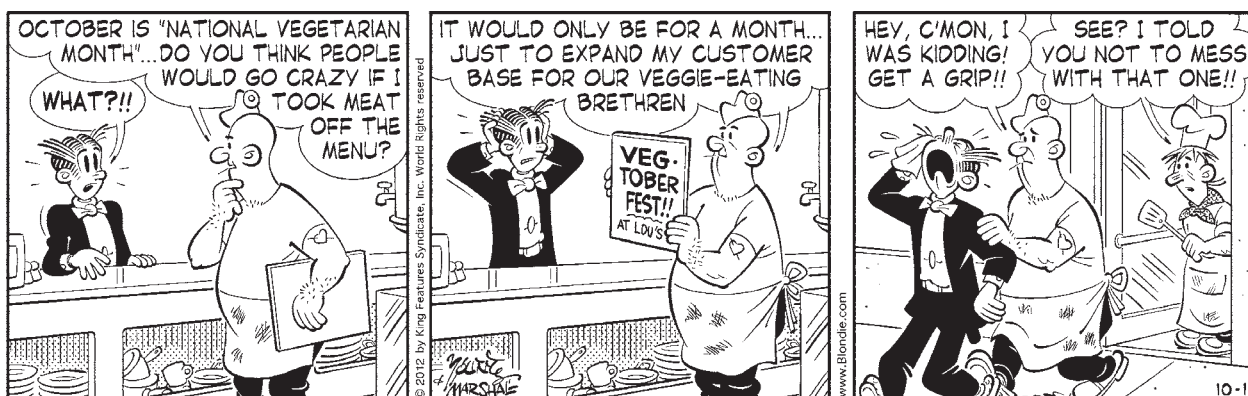
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# Baby Blues



# Zits



# Conceptis Sudoku

6		7	2			3		
					3	4		9
				8	4		1	
	1	2		6				5
	7						4	
4				2		8	7	
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		1			8	5		2

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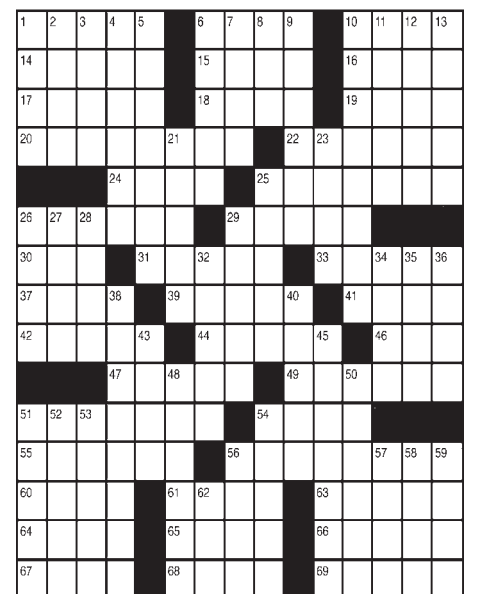
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

7	1	6	9	3	8	2	4	5
4	2	9	7	5	6	1	3	8
8	3	5	1	2	4	6	7	9
9	4	3	5	6	7	8	2	1
6	7	2	4	8	1	9	5	3
5	8	1	3	9	2	7	6	4
2	5	8	6	4	9	3	1	7
3	6	7	8	1	5	4	9	2
1	9	4	2	7	3	5	8	6

# ACROSS

- Lahr and Parks
- Actor Everett
- Rain hard
- In the know
- Smidgen
- Poet \_\_ St.
- Vincent Millay
- Not yet \_\_; unstated
- Foot digits
- Springfield or Santorum
- Lent a hand to
- Red tape
- Gentlemen
- Deserved
- Female graduate
- Removes from office
- Felon, for short
- Breathing organs of a fish
- Hidden supply
- Heartburn cause
- \_\_ with; bearing
- Influence
- \_\_ on; was lavishly fond of
- Hem in & assail
- Lawn tree
- Crouch in fear
- Become firm
- Disentangle; come apart
- Soft cheese in a white rind
- Longshoreman, at times
- Bungled
- Arrive
- Ms. Fitzgerald
- Way too heavy
- Sports network
- Close by
- Acting parts
- Siesta
- Take care of
- Part of a girl's school uniform



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# Saturday's Puzzle Solved

BOBS	SCORE	DEFT
ABOUT	TUBER	OSLO
LOSE	ASIAN	LAIR
METEORS	DISPUTE	
	PAS	LEECH
DWELT	HER	OILED
RIDE	HAG	PUNIER
ADD	AUDITOR	ARE
FOIBLE	BOW	KRIS
TWEED	ALP	BASES
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KNIT	SABER	AMOR
IDLE	LIONS	LILY
DYED	ELATE	ADOS

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# DOWN

- "Ali \_\_ and the Forty Thieves"
- Lamb bearers

- Cleaning cloths
- Fact
- Perceiving
- Refers to
- Parka feature
- Feasted
- \_\_ off; leaves quickly
- Lasts
- Keats, for one
- Aunt's husband
- Gathered leaves
- Fail to keep up
- Sculpturing and painting
- Ponders
- USNA, for one: abbr.
- Iron horse, for short
- College credit
- More ancient
- Name tag, e.g.
- Full of wonder
- Store event
- Choir's song
- Corrupt; self-indulgent

- \_\_ jacket; men's shirt with stand-up collar
- Bird of peace
- Suit makers
- "If it \_\_ for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all"
- Shoe brand
- Stomach woe
- Lasso's end
- Freeway exits
- Plank
- Custard pie
- Salami shop
- Drug addict
- Nuisance
- Jamie \_\_ Curtis



# Jets among elite company in replacing the irreplaceable

BEN SHPIGEL

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**FLORHAM PARK, N.J.** – The day after their Darrelle Revis sustained a season-ending knee injury, the 2008 New England Patriots heard their coach say his name – Tom Brady – once, but not again for four months. When the 2011 Indianapolis Colts learned that their Darrelle Revis would miss the entire season, their brain trust huddled to discuss the changes in philosophy and personnel that would be implemented to mitigate his – Peyton Manning's – absence.

Revis does not play the same position as Brady or Manning, two of the finest quarterbacks ever, but his value to the Jets is nearly tantamount. His shutdown skills at cornerback allow coach Rex Ryan to play an unusually aggressive style of defense.

Just as Brady and Manning each epitomized his squad's character and offensive personality, Revis serves as the cornerstone of a team built on defense. Or rather, he did. Revis tore a knee ligament last Sunday against the Dolphins, forcing the Jets to confront a challenge of a magnitude that only two other teams of recent vintage – the Brady-less Patriots and the Colts without Manning – have faced.

There is no template for regrouping successfully, for coping with the loss of a player whose superior skills – in Revis' case neutralizing the opposition's best receiver – come to define an organization. Even players who abide by the hoary next-man-up mantra realize that there is no replacing a Brady, a Manning, a Revis. The best they can do is try.

New England, backed by a capable understudy and a deep roster, reacted by going 11-5 without Brady but missed the playoffs. Indianapolis, wrecked by further injuries and limited by an offense that did not fit its personnel, lost its first 13 games and went 2-14.

"If you're fortunate to have a franchise player, virtually everything is built around

him and what he can do," said Bill Polian, the former Colts president who drafted Manning and now works for ESPN. "And now you have to change that." The Jets started planning for the post-Revis era on the flight home from Florida last Sunday night, hours after Revis' knee buckled in the soggy grass of Sun Life Sta-



**New England Patriots Matt Cassel (16) steps in for Tom Brady during an NFL game against the New York Jets at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., Sept. 14, 2008. New York Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis does not play the same position as Brady or Peyton Manning, but his value to the Jets is close.**

(Suzy Allman/The New York Times)

dium. The defensive staff gathered to brainstorm. Mike Pettine, the coordinator, compared himself to a custom tailor, saying, "We're making a suit each week, and we have to build a plan based on two things: the opponent and what they do, and what do we have available from our perspective." He promised only "subtle" differences for Sunday's game against San Francisco but added, "We're not foolish enough to think that we can just continue to do what we've been doing." Neither were the Colts, who discovered on the eve of last season that Manning would not play after having another neck operation. The team was making cuts, Polian said, when he was called out of

a meeting to be notified. When he returned, Polian delivered the news to his coaching staff, and they started working on a plan. Unlike the Patriots, who are renowned for adjusting their game plans from week to week, the Colts ran the same system with Manning for 13 seasons. But with Manning out, the

ed on us in one year," Polian said – the team could not recover.

The Patriots fared better without Brady in large part because of their balance – a shortcoming of the Jets, who have scored one touchdown in their last 22 possessions. Brady's replacement, Matt Cassel, inherited a team that went 18-1 the previous season, its bid for perfection spoiled by the Giants in the Super Bowl. A solid offensive line returned, as did dynamic receivers like Wes Welker and Randy Moss; and the defense was bolstered by Richard Seymour and Vince Wilfork up front.

At first, Patriots coach Bill Belichick scaled back the offense, emphasizing the run and playing conservatively. Heath Evans, a running back, said he made sure to spend extra time in the backfield blocking on pass plays so Cassel was protected. But soon enough, the Patriots made another adjustment. "I remember after the game, I stepped back and was like, wow, freaking Tom Brady, goodness gracious," said Evans, who now works as an analyst for NFL Network. "We were 18-1 with this guy, what are we going to do? Then we came in on Monday and Bill had a whole plan."

In reflecting on the 2008 season, Tedy Bruschi, a linebacker on that team, said he thought they were well-equipped to absorb Brady's injury because of the organizational philosophy that Belichick advocated: He never overemphasized the importance of an individual, a practice that his players recognized, appreciated and responded to when starters were inevitably hurt. □

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# Officials mull seismic tests near Calif nuke plant

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**Associated Press**

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Plans to use an array of powerful air cannons in an under-sea seismic study near a Central California nuclear power plant have federal and state officials juggling concerns over marine life with public safety.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. wants to use big air guns to emit strong sound waves into a large, near-shore area that includes parts of marine reserves to make three-dimensional maps of fault zones, some of which were discovered in 2008, near its Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

But a state study, mandated by AB1632, signed into law in 2006, found the project is likely to have "unavoidable adverse effects" on marine life and the environment. Biologists, environmental groups and fishermen have opposed using the high-energy air guns, saying the blasts have potential to harm endangered whales, California sea otters and other creatures frequenting these waters.

"I am very concerned about impacts to marine mammals, especially some of the large whales including blue, fin, and humpback whales," said John Calambokidis, an Olympia, Wash.-based marine biologist who has studied Pacific Ocean



In this Sept. 20, 2005 file photo is the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant in Avila Beach, Calif. Associated Press

whales for decades. "There are many uncertainties on the impact of this type of operation on whales, especially since we have not seen this type of large air gun survey off California for a long time."

The \$64 million, ratepayer-funded effort to understand seismic threats to the plant has intensified since the disastrous 2011 Tohoku quake and tsunami, which disabled reactors at Japan's Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant.

Quake experts were surprised by the 9.0-magnitude quake on a fault that scientists did not believe



In this Dec. 12, 2011 photo, workers lower equipment off the marine research vessel Bluefin to carry out a seismic ocean survey near Avila Beach, Calif. Associated Press

would produce a quake stronger than 8.0.

Although the Japan disaster demonstrated that predicting the strength of a quake on a given fault is an inexact science, PG&E wants to know if the newly discovered faults near San Luis Obispo are connected to existing ones that have already been studied. Seismologists typically use a fault's length to estimate the maximum possible earthquake it can produce.

"People need to understand, we're living in the world post-Fukushima, so we need to go back and review everything we think we know about the seismic threat situation around important structures like this power plant," said Bruce Gibson, a former seismologist who now serves as a San Luis Obispo County supervisor.

"Unfortunately, from an environmental impact standpoint, the only real way to

get the images is to put high energy sound into the earth."

If the project gains approval from myriad agencies, scientists would tow up to 18 air guns behind a boat and blast loud sound into the water over a 530-square-nautical-mile area. Hundreds of sensors would be placed strategically on the seafloor, picking up the reverberations and allowing computers to create three-dimensional maps in technology similar to an ultrasound.

The air guns and sensors would be dragged through an area that includes two state marine protected areas – Cambria and White Rock – and is adjacent to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Dozens of endangered and threatened species use these waters.

A similar seismic survey is being planned near the state's other nuclear plant at San Onofre, in San Diego County to the south.

A State Lands Commission environmental impact study found on Aug. 20 there would be "unavoidable impacts" to marine life in the area during the San Luis Obispo testing.

But the commission also concluded the "benefit of the project outweighs the unavoidable adverse impacts," said Jennifer DeLeon, a senior environmental scientist at the commission. While similar high energy seismic surveys have been done on the Pacific Coast – most recently off Washington – PG&E said monitors there did not observe harm to whales or other marine mammals.

The powerful cannons used in these projects can be fatal to animals that stray too close to them. □

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# Lohan thrown or grabbed in NY hotel

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Lindsay Lohan got into an argument early Sunday with a 25-year-old man in her New York City hotel room over photos on a cellphone and the actress was physically grabbed or thrown, a law enforcement official said. The official was not authorized to speak publicly about the encounter Sunday morning and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. Christian LaBella of Valley Village, California, was taken into custody around 6 a.m., authorities confirmed. He faces a misdemeanor assault charge and a harassment charge. He was still in custody Sunday afternoon and could not be reached for comment. Police acknowledged that LaBella was arrested but did not identify the other party because that person

is the alleged assault victim.

The official said Lohan and LaBella had encountered each other earlier in the night at a club. It was unclear whether they had met before.

Lohan was injured but not hospitalized, her publicist, Steve Honig, said in a statement.

"Lindsay has spoken with police and is fully cooperating with the investigation," he said. He declined to comment further.

Lohan herself has had several run-ins with law enforcement.

Last week, Lohan, 26, was accused clipping a pedestrian with her car outside a nightclub and driving away. She was given a ticket and was scheduled to appear in court Oct. 23. Honig has said he expects those allegations to be proven false.

The actress was also in-



volved in a car accident in California this summer that sent her and an assistant to a hospital, but didn't result in serious injuries for anyone. The accident remains under investigation.

In May, she was cleared of allegations that she struck a Hollywood nightclub manager with her car.

Lohan remains on informal probation for taking a necklace from a jewelry store without permission last year. That means she doesn't have to check in with a judge or probation officer but could face a jail term if arrested again.

Lohan recently filmed "The Canyons," a movie by "Less Than Zero" author Bret Easton Ellis. □

In this April 28, 2012 file photo, Lindsay Lohan attends the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner in Washington.

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## Ron Howard's remarks played at 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Mayberry Days

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**RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP)** — Andy Griffith led by example on the set of his television show, teaching a 6-year-old boy that true leadership requires not only confidence and hard work but also humility, Academy Award-winning film director Ron Howard said in recorded remarks Sunday. Howard's remarks were played during a Griffith tribute at the 23rd annual Mayberry Days celebration in Mount Airy, North Carolina. It's the first Mayberry Days held since Griffith, a native of Mount Airy, died July 3 at the age of 86 at his home in Manteo. The three-day event typically attracts 25,000 to 30,000 people.



**This Jan. 1983 file photo shows actor Andy Griffith posing in Los Angeles to promote his upcoming CBS-TV film, "Murder in Coweta County". Associated Press**

"Andy's impact on my life and my approach to my work really can't be measured," Howard said. "The balance that he sustained between focused, creative effort and this overt, playful enjoyment that he got out of working hard with people that he liked, doing a show he loved, was something that I hope I'll always remember and emulate." Howard played Opie Taylor, the red-headed son of Sheriff Andy Taylor, on "The Andy Griffith Show." The CBS TV comedy aired from 1960 to 1968, starting when Howard was 6 years old and ending when he was 14. Tanya Jones, executive director of the Surry Arts Council, said Howard reached out to her and told her he wanted to "do something for Andy," adding that he knew Griffith loved his hometown. □



**This image released by Sony Pictures shows Dracula, voiced by Adam Sandler, in a scene from "Hotel Transylvania." Associated Press**

## 'Hotel Transylvania' checks in with \$43 million debut

DAVID GERMAIN

AP Movie Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Adam Sandler's monster mash-up "Hotel Transylvania" has brought the weekend box office back to life after a late-summer slump. The animated comedy from Sony Pictures debuted at No. 1 with \$43 million, one of the strongest starts ever for a movie opening in September, according to studio estimates Sunday. "Hotel Transylvania" set a new high for September debuts in terms of actual dollars, beating the previous record of \$35.7 million for 2002's "Sweet Home Alabama." But factoring in today's higher admission prices, "Sweet Home Alabama" sold more tickets. This weekend's box office was further strengthened by a solid No. 2 debut for another Sony release, Bruce Willis and Joseph Gordon-Levitt's time-travel thriller "Looper," which took in \$21.2 million.

Hollywood's overall grosses rose for the first time in a month compared to the same weekend last year. Revenues totaled \$120 million, up 21 percent from the same weekend a year ago, when "Dolphin Tale" led with \$13.9 million, according to box-office tracker

Hollywood.com.

"Sony really kind of saved the day here, turning things around after a full month of less-than-stellar box office," said Hollywood.com analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "The post-summer period didn't exactly set the world on fire."

It's rare for one studio to open two wide releases over the same weekend, but Sony had two movies that complemented each other well without overlapping their audiences. Locking up the family crowds, the PG-rated "Hotel Transylvania" features Sandler providing the voice of Count Dracula as the proprietor of a resort catering to Frankenstein, the Wolfman and other monsters.

The R-rated "Looper" pulled in male action fans. Set in 2044, the film stars Gordon-Levitt as a hit man assigned to kill victims sent back in time — including his future self (Bruce Willis).

The previous weekend's No. 1 movie, Open Road Films' police story "End of Watch," fell to No. 3 with \$8 million, raising its domestic total to \$26.2 million.

In narrower release, Universal Pictures' music tale "Pitch Perfect" opened strongly at No. 6 with \$5.2

million. The movie stars Anna Kendrick as a college freshman who joins an a cappella singing team and livens up the group's conservative style.

Playing in 335 theaters, "Pitch Perfect" averaged an impressive \$15,560 a cinema. That compared to an average of \$12,840 in 3,349 theaters for "Hotel Transylvania" and \$7,086 in 2,992 cinemas for "Looper."

The weekend's other new wide release, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Viola Davis' school drama "Won't Back Down," flopped at No. 10 with \$2.7 million, averaging just \$1,074 in 2,515 theaters. The movie centers on two mothers who organize a campaign to save a failing elementary school.

For Sandler, "Hotel Transylvania" was a return to hit status after his summer dud "That's My Boy" and so-so results on last year's comedy "Jack and Jill."

Sandler's audience of young males generally has waned as he ages. But Sony, which has released most of his movies, remains eager to stay in the Sandler business.

"I have said that many times, and it still holds in a big way," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony. □

## Jerry Lewis to film PBS special in Las Vegas

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Comedy king Jerry Lewis plans to film a television special for the Public Broadcasting Service.

The Las Vegas Review Journal reports that the 86-year-old entertainer is returning to the spotlight Nov. 18 at The Orleans Hotel & Casino. PBS plans to broadcast "An Evening With Jerry Lewis — Live from Las Vegas!" in March around Lewis' birthday. Lewis has been busy preparing a Broadway musical version of "The Nutty Professor" based on the 1963 movie that Lewis directed and starred in.

That production has been thrown into uncertainty with the recent death of composer Marvin Hamlisch, who did the score. □

## Bieber sick on stage in Arizona tour kickoff

**GLENDALE, Arizona (AP)** — It wasn't just Justin Bieber's fans who had "Bieber Fever" as the teen idol kicked off his national tour in suburban Phoenix.

Video posted on KTVK-TV's website shows the pop music star vomiting twice on stage Saturday night during his sold-out concert at the Jobing.com Arena in Glendale. He left the stage after each episode but returned and even did an encore.

KTVK reports Bieber's fans sang some of his songs while he was offstage and he later apologized for being sick.

Bieber later tweeted "Great show. Getting better for tomorrow's show !!!! Love u"

He later added: "And .... Milk was a bad choice!" Bieber's 45-city "Believe" tour continues Sunday at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. □



## Europe's Austerity Madness



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So much for complacency. Just a few days ago, the conventional wisdom was that Europe finally had things under control. The European Central Bank, by promising to buy the bonds of troubled governments if necessary, had soothed markets. All that debtor nations had to do, the story went, was agree to more and deeper austerity – the condition for central bank loans – and all would be well.

But the purveyors of conventional wisdom forgot that people were involved. Suddenly, Spain and Greece are being racked by strikes and huge demonstrations. The public in these countries is, in effect, saying that it has reached its limit: With unemployment at Great Depression levels and with erstwhile middle-class workers reduced to picking through garbage in search of food, austerity has already gone too far. And this means that there may not be a deal after all.

Much commentary suggests that the citizens of Spain and Greece are just delaying the inevitable, protesting against sacrifices that must, in fact, be made. But the truth is that the protesters are right. More austerity serves no useful purpose; the truly irrational players here are the allegedly serious politicians and officials demanding ever more pain.

Consider Spain's woes. What is the real economic problem? Basically, Spain is suffering the hangover from a huge housing bubble, which caused both an economic boom and a period of inflation that left Spanish industry uncompetitive with the rest of Europe. When the bubble burst, Spain was left with the difficult problem of regaining competitiveness, a painful process that will take years. Unless Spain leaves the euro – a step nobody wants to take – it is condemned to years of high unemployment. But this arguably inevitable suffering is being greatly magnified by harsh spending cuts; and these spending cuts are a case of inflicting pain for the sake of inflicting pain.

First of all, Spain didn't get into trouble because its government was profligate. On the contrary, on the eve of the crisis, Spain actually had a budget surplus and low debt. Large deficits

emerged when the economy tanked, taking revenues with it, but, even so, Spain doesn't appear to have all that high a debt burden.

It's true that Spain is now having trouble borrowing to finance its deficits. That trouble is, however, mainly because of fears about the nation's broader difficulties – not least the fear of political turmoil in the face of very high unemployment. And shaving a few points off the budget deficit won't resolve those fears. In fact, research by the International Monetary Fund suggests that spending cuts in deeply depressed economies may actually reduce investor confidence because they accelerate the pace of economic decline.

In other words, the straight economics of the situation suggests that Spain doesn't need more austerity. It shouldn't throw a party, and, in fact, it probably has no alternative (short of euro exit) to a protracted period of hard times. But savage cuts to essential public services, to aid to the needy, and so on actually hurt the country's prospects for successful adjustment.

Why, then, are there demands for ever more pain?

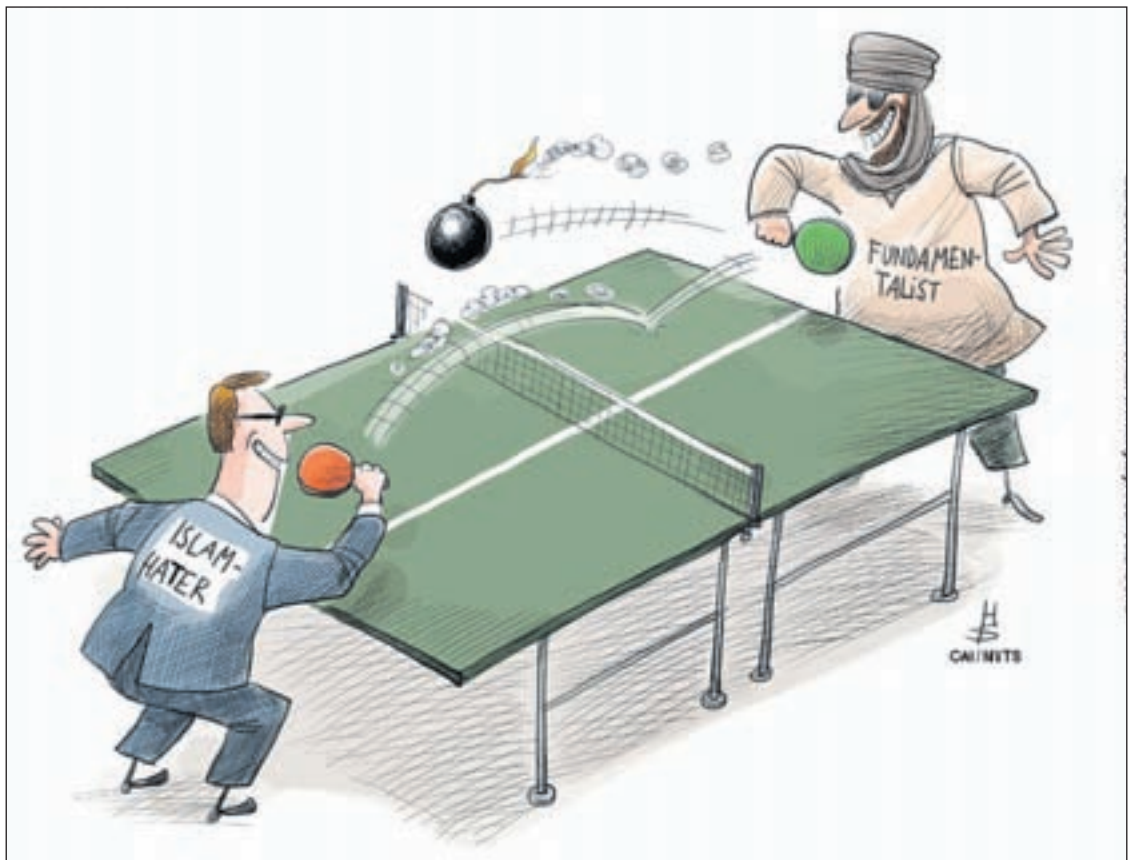
Part of the explanation is that in Europe, as in America, far too many Very Serious People have been taken in by the cult of austerity, by the belief that budget deficits, not mass unemployment, are the clear and present danger, and that deficit reduction will somehow solve a problem brought on by private sector excess.

Beyond that, a significant part of public opinion in Europe's core – above all, in Germany – is deeply committed to a false view of the situation. Talk to German officials and they will portray the euro crisis as a morality play, a tale of countries that lived high and now face the inevitable reckoning. Never mind the fact that this isn't at all what happened – and the equally inconvenient fact that German banks played a large role in inflating Spain's housing bubble. Sin and its consequences is their story, and they're sticking to it.

Worse yet, this is also what many German voters believe, largely because it's what politicians have told them. And fear of a backlash from voters who believe, wrongly, that they're being put on the hook for the consequences of southern European irresponsibility leaves German politicians unwilling to approve essential emergency lending to Spain and other troubled nations unless the borrowers are punished first.

Of course, that's not the way these demands are portrayed. But that's what it really comes down to. And it's long past time to put an end to this cruel nonsense.

If Germany really wants to save the euro, it should let the European Central Bank do what's necessary to rescue the debtor nations – and it should do so without demanding more pointless pain. □



## The Silly List Everyone Cares About



**JOE NOCERA**  
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The U.S. News & World Report's annual college rankings came out earlier this month and – knock me over with a feather! – Harvard and Princeton were tied for first.

Followed by Yale.

Followed by Columbia.

It's not that these aren't great universities. But think about it. Can you really say with any precision that Princeton is "better" than Columbia? That the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (No. 6) is better than the California Institute of Technology (No. 10)? That Tufts (No. 28) is better than Brandeis (No. 33)? Of course not. U.S. News likes to claim that it uses rigorous methodology, but, honestly, it's just a list put together by magazine editors. The whole exercise is a little silly. Or rather, it would be if it weren't so pernicious.

Magazines compile lists because people like to read them. With U.S. News having folded its print edition two years ago, its rankings – not just of colleges, but law schools, graduate schools and even high schools – are probably what keep the enterprise alive. People care enough about its rankings to pay \$34.95 to seek out the details on the U.S. News website.

And it imbues these rankings with an authority that is largely unjustified. Universities that want to game the rankings can easily do so. U.S. News cares a lot about how much money a school raises and how much it spends: on faculty; on small classes; on facilities; and so on. It cares about how selective the admissions process is.

So universities that once served populations that were different from the Harvard or Yale student body now go after the same elite high school students with the highest SAT scores. And schools know that, if they want to get a better ranking, they need to spend money like mad – even though they will have to increase tuition that is already back-breaking.

"If you figure out how to do the same service for less money, your U.S. News ranking will go down," says Kevin Carey, the director of education policy at the New America Foundation, a nonpartisan research group. The rankings encourage trends that ill-serve the country.

There is something else, too. They exacerbate the status anxiety that afflicts so many high school students. The single-minded goal of too many high school students – pushed by parents, guidance counselors and society itself – is to get into a "good" school. Those who don't land a prestigious admission feel like failures. Those who do but lack the means often wind up taking on onerous debt – a burden that can last a lifetime. And U.S. News has largely become the measure by which a good school is defined.

"U.S. News didn't invent the social dynamic," says Carey. "What it did was very accurately empiricize them."

As it happens, Carey has been working for a number of years with The Washington Monthly to compile a different kind of college ranking. (I was an editor at

The Monthly in the late 1970s.) Instead of trying to serve as a gauge of status, The Monthly's rankings attempt to gauge more useful measures: social mobility, for instance, or "bang for the buck." Its top-ranked national universities this year are the University of California-San Diego and Texas A&M. Neither is ranked in the top 30 by U.S. News. All they do is graduate a higher percentage of students than you would expect given their populations – at a reasonable price.

Yes, The Washington Monthly's rankings are yet another list compiled by magazine editors, inevitably flawed. But the point the magazine is trying to make is that this is the model of higher education we should be encouraging. Can you really disagree? I have no doubt that you can obtain a very good education at Texas A&M. As you surely can at many other institutions that don't crack the top of the U.S. News rankings.

Not long ago, I saw an article written by recent graduate of Stuyvesant High. Stuyvesant, widely considered the most prestigious public high school in New York, has just been through a cheating scandal – one driven in no small part by the imperative of its students to get into a prestigious college.

The author, who was not part of the cheating scandal, had succeeded into getting into a "Desirable University," as she put it, but her parents had been unable to afford the tuition. She wound up, deeply embittered, at a state school. Whenever people would bring up the subject of college, she wrote, she would "mutter something about not wanting to talk about it." Although she claimed to have made her peace with her education, she ended her article by vowing to save enough so that her children wouldn't have to suffer the same fate. □



# Arthur O. Sulzberger, who transformed the Times, dies at 86

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Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, who guided The New York Times and its parent company through a long, sometimes turbulent period of expansion and change on a scale not seen since the newspaper's founding in 1851, died early Saturday at his home in Southampton, N.Y. He was 86.

His death, after a long illness, was announced by his family. Sulzberger's tenure, as publisher of the newspaper and as chairman and chief executive of The New York Times Co., reached across 34 years, from the heyday of postwar America to the twilight of the 20th century, from the era of hot lead and Linotype machines to the birth of the digital world. The paper he took over as publisher in 1963 was the paper it had been for decades: respected and influential, often setting the national agenda. But it was also in precarious financial condition and somewhat insular, having been a tightly held family operation since 1896, when it was bought by his grandfather Adolph S. Ochs.

By the 1990s, when Sulzberger passed the reins to his son, first as publisher in 1992 and then as chairman in 1997, the enterprise had been transformed. The Times was now national in scope, distributed from coast to coast, and it had become the heart of a diversified, multibillion-dollar media operation that came to encompass newspapers, magazines, television and radio stations and online ventures.

The expansion reflected Sulzberger's belief that a news organization, above all, had to be profitable if it hoped to maintain a vibrant, independent voice. As John F. Akers, a retired chairman of IBM and for many years a Times Co. board member, put it, "Making money so that you could continue to do good journalism was always a fundamental part of the thinking."

On Saturday, President Barack Obama praised Sulzberger as "a firm believer in the importance of a free and independent press, one that isn't afraid to seek the truth, hold those in power accountable and tell the stories that need to be told." Sulzberger's insistence on independence was shown in his decision in 1971 to publish a secret government history of the Vietnam War known as the Pentagon Papers. It was a defining moment for him and, in the view of many journalists and historians, his finest.

In thousands of pages, this highly classified archive de-

tailed Washington's legacy of deceit and evasion as it stumbled through an unpopular war. When the Pentagon Papers were divulged in a series of articles in June 1971, an embarrassed Nixon administration demanded that the series be stopped immediately, citing national security considerations. The Times refused, on First Amendment grounds, and won its case in the U.S. Supreme

great enterprise," Richard L. Gelb, a longtime member of the Times board, said in 1997, when Sulzberger stepped down as chairman. "Arthur Ochs Sulzberger will be remembered as the one who secured it, renewed it and lifted it to ever-higher levels of achievement." Even while the enterprise was put on a secure financial footing, ultimate control never passed from the Sulzberger



**Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, retired publisher of The New York Times, and father of current publisher Arthur O. Sulzberger Jr., was applauded by journalists gathered in the newsroom of the Times after his legacy was acknowledged as it was announced that the newspaper had won a record seven Pulitzer prizes, in New York, April 8, 2002. Sulzberger, who guided The New York Times and its parent company through a long, sometimes turbulent period of expansion and change on a scale not seen since the newspaper's founding in 1851, died on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, at his home in Southampton, N.Y. He was 86.**

(Steve Berman/The New York Times)

Court in a landmark ruling on press freedom.

Sulzberger reshaped The Times. In the mid-1970s, another financially difficult period in which he might have chosen to retrench, he expanded the paper to four sections from two, creating separate sections for metropolitan and business news and introducing new ones oriented toward consumers. They were a gamble, begun in the hope of attracting new readers, especially women, and advertisers. Some critics dismissed the feature sections as unworthy of a serious newspaper. But the sections — SportsMonday, Science Times, Living, Home and Weekend — were an instant success, without compromising the paper's hard-news core. They were widely imitated.

Over the next two decades, a billion-dollar investment in new printing facilities made still more innovations possible, among them a national edition, special regional editions and the daily use of color photos and graphics.

"Adolph Ochs is remembered as the one who founded this

family. It managed to avoid the internal strife and jealousies that tore apart other newspaper dynasties and traumatized their companies.

At Sulzberger's death, The Times was being run by a fourth generation of his family, a rarity in an age when the management of most U.S. newspapers is determined by distant corporate boards. A family trust, unaffected by his death, guarantees continued control by Adolph Ochs' descendants. It was no coincidence, Sulzberger believed, that some of the country's finest newspapers were family-owned. "My conclusion is simple," he once said with characteristic humor. "Nepotism works."

His suggestions to editors and his criticisms tended to be delivered in a velvet glove, not with a mailed fist. "He didn't have to be obeyed; he just wanted to be heard," said Jack Rosenthal, a former editor of the editorial page. Arthur Gelb, a former managing editor, put it this way:

"He never said forcefully, 'This is what I believe and this is what

I want.' It was always mild and often with a little humor. He listened to what others had to say. Some people saw that as weakness. But it was the nature of a true gentleman."

Sulzberger involved himself far less with the content of the news columns than with the large business decisions that had to be made. It had been that way from the moment he was named publisher, on June 20, 1963, succeeding his brother-in-law Orvil E. Dryfoos, who had died of heart trouble a month earlier at age 50.

The line of Times publishers, from Adolph Ochs in 1896 to Arthur Sulzberger Jr. a century later, has run through the men in the family.

Ochs had a daughter, Iphigene, but no sons. When he died in 1935, authority passed to Iphigene Ochs' husband, Arthur Hays Sulzberger. Iphigene and Arthur had three daughters: Marian, Ruth and Judith, called Judy.

Then came a son, Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, born on Feb. 5, 1926. The father enjoyed composing light verse, and he celebrated this birth with an illustrated book describing the boy as having "come to play the Punch to Judy's endless show." The nickname stuck.

As the years passed, Sulzberger turned his attention toward handing over leadership to the next generation. In 1992, his son, Arthur Sulzberger Jr., took over as Times publisher. The question then became whether the younger Sulzberger would also inherit his father's corporate titles. Some board members wanted to see someone from outside the family assume those posts.

In 1997, Sulzberger rallied family members around his son as chairman. But his sisters, he later said, wanted roles for their own branches of the family. "So we came up with compromises and things that worked wonderfully well for the organization," he said. Arthur Sulzberger Jr. was made chairman. A cousin, Michael Golden, was named senior vice president and vice chairman. The chief executive was someone from outside the family, Russell T. Lewis.

Once again, the Times family had avoided the kind of internal strife that had battered newspaper clans like the Bingham of Kentucky and the Chandlers of Los Angeles.

The family sense of duty was strong. It was captured in a eulogy that Susan W. Dryfoos, Orvil Dryfoos' daughter and the director of the Times History Project, delivered in February 1990 for her grandmother, Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger.

"We, your family, understand

our birthright," Dryfoos said.

Sulzberger joined the Marines in 1944. Trained as a radioman, Sulzberger went through the Leyte and Luzon campaigns in the Philippines, then landed in Japan as a jeep driver at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters. He was discharged in 1946 as a corporal.

While in college, in 1948, Sulzberger married Barbara Winslow Grant, who lived near the Sulzbergers' estate in Stamford, Conn. They had two children, Arthur Jr., born in 1951, and Karen, born in 1952. Karen Sulzberger is a former arts administrator and board member of Facing History and Ourselves, an educational organization.

The Sulzberger marriage ended in divorce. Months later, in December 1956, Sulzberger married Carol Fox Fuhrman; they had met at a New York dinner party given by Orvil Dryfoos' brother, Hugh. The couple had a daughter, Cynthia, in 1964. Cynthia Sulzberger is an elementary school reading specialist.

By a previous marriage, Carol Sulzberger had a daughter, Cathy, who was born in 1949 and legally adopted by Sulzberger. Cathy Sulzberger is a real estate developer who serves on many philanthropic boards.

Carol Sulzberger died in 1995. In March 1996, Sulzberger married Allison S. Cowles, widow of William H. Cowles III, who had been president and publisher of newspapers in Spokane, Wash. The two families had a newspaper connection going back to the early 1900s, though Allison Cowles was not from the branch of the family that directed Cowles Communications. She died in 2010 in Spokane. Besides his children, Sulzberger is survived by two of his three sisters, Marian S. Heiskell of New York and Ruth S. Holmberg of Chattanooga, Tenn., and nine grandchildren. The third sister, Dr. Judith P. Sulzberger — the Judy to his Punch — died in 2011.

When he left as Times chairman in 1997, he remained convinced that newspapers — at least good newspapers — had a bright future.

"I think that paper and ink are here to stay for the kind of newspapers we print," he said in a postretirement interview. "There's no shortage of news in this world. If you want news, you can go to cyberspace and grab out all this junk. But I don't think most people are competent to become editors, or have the time or the interest."

"You're not buying news when you buy The New York Times," Sulzberger said. "You're buying judgment." □